December 1, 1919.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Hodge:

I am sorry that it has not been possible for you and me to get together to talk over some of the perplexing problems but my cold threw me out for most a week. Meanwhile I did see Mrs. Waters and I hope that she has taken up with you some of the problems that confronted us at that time. It seemed to me best to duplicate what I said to Mrs. Waters on some of these points, for I do not know whether you may see her.

(1) I want to speak about Miss Sheibley's salary. When this matter cam up, Mrs. Waters said that Central Committee had voted that "as the New Era was to pay one-half" of this salary it seemed fair that the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions should share the other one-half equally. I simply said at the time that we had not understood that the men were to pay any part of her salary and said that the Woman's Board of Home Missions had made the suggestion that the Foreign Boards might bear one-third of the salary and the Home Board bear two-thirds, she to receive $3,000 per year. Since coming home this has been rather troubling me. You will recall that the agreement that we presented to the New Era said "The Boards appreciate the generosity of the New Era Movement in offering to share her salary but preferred to bear this themselves." It was on this basis that the Woman's Boards took action. Mrs. Waters thinks that Central Committee has evidently not understood this above agreement, their action indicating quite another attitude. Mrs. Waters seemed so wretched that I hate to bother her with this so am taking it up with you. The adjustment in Miss Sheibley's salary was made by the Woman's Board of Home Missions as of October 1st so she formally became part of the staff of the New Era under the new arrangement. Therefore, I suppose all actions taken should date under readjustment in salary October 1st and the back amounts paid.

6000 pastors
1000 Syn. & Pres. Presidents
Pres. Treasurers -

(2) The letter to pastors and synodical and Presbyterial officers. I did not see Miss Sheibley before she left for the West after she had talked with you but I did speak with her over the phone and I understood that the matter did not yet seem clear as to the stationary on which this letter was to be written and the signature that was to be attached thereto. As I understood it over the phone, you were going to take up this question of signature with Dr. Foulkes and I thought you would probably let Miss Sheibley know the decision. I thoroughly understand, however, that you probably did not have the opportunity so to do. Miss Sheibley said to me just before she left that she had mailed the material to you and had asked you to take the responsibility for this. I just want to say now that I will be in and out of "156" all day Wednesday and will be glad to make an appointment to take this matter up with you if you wish. I shall also be there Thursday but will be presiding all day except at the noon hour when it would be possible for me to have a talk with you.

(3) I spoke further to Mrs. Waters about a conference in January somewhat similar to that held at Chicago but not as large. You will recall that I spoke to you about this some time ago but I think at that time your Boards were not prepared to undertake this. We feel very strongly that we must bring all of our speakers and at least some synodical officers to New York at an early date. There is confusion concerning the New Era and concerning the Interchurch World Movement. If an aggressive program is to be put forth, we must instruct a group as to the material available and we also thought that so far as we are concerned, we need to bring these women together to study some of our newer Board policies. Our plans are of course, inchoate as yet. I told Mrs. Waters that it would be possible for us to wait to hear from the Foreign Boards as to whether they desire to cooperate for the same dates as we do in Chicago. Please believe that we are very far from wishing to coerce you in this matter in any way. At the same time we are most anxious not to seem to beggoing ahead without so important a matter without giving you the fullest and most cordial opportunity to cooperate if you desire so to do. We realize that it is difficult to find the right time for this. We had thought it might be the week following the Atlantic City meeting which is to be January 7th to 10th but that week is crowded full with Federation and Council so that it may be be throw it over into

the next week even though that includes General Council. These dates with other matters are still to be the subject of discussion. From our point of view we desire to bring in all of our Field Secretaries and those who speak a great deal to us. We are not decided as to whether it is best to bring in all synodical presidents or about fifteen of the strongest, letting them have district conferences at which they could bring two or three synodical presidents and where a Field Secretary could be present to help them. All these matters are still the subject of conference.

I should be more than glad to see you this week relative to these various matter and I remain meanwhile

Most faithfully yours,

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Philadelphia, Pa.
Dec. 5, 1919.

Dear Mrs. Bennett,

I am in receipt of your special delivery letter and of the list of Synodical Presidents, as well as of the proposed joint letter to our officers. I have one or two slight suggestions to make in regard to the latter.

In paragraph 2, next to the last line I think it is necessary to repeat Young People's so that it reads "transmitted by the Women's and Y.P. Soc." In the same paragraph I think that if "report" is underlined the corresponding verb "transmitted"should also be underlined rather than the word "but".

I suggest that the last sentence in the letter be amplified a little. I would make "organization" plural and add"and to pastors and church treasurers wherever necessary."

Would it not also be a good thing to say that additional copies of the reprint can be secured from their Board Headquarters either Home or Foreign?

That reminds me that I gave no directions to put an address on it. I do not see how we can put all seven and keep it a two page issue. I am inclined to think that it is not necessary in this case. I told Mr. Creese to put on the front page the title of the Question Box, or rather to say"Extract from" and then give the title and say Reprinted by permission and then out imprint. I told him to send proof to me and the leaflets and bill to you. I will try to call him up on Monday and find out how soon he can do it.

Somebody in authority in the New Era at Room 1209 told me he thought we could have the letter started at an hour or two's notice and said he thought it would be perfectly satisfactory to mimeograph it. Do you propose to have our names printed or is it necessary to have a facsimile?

Idaho and Oregon are joint organizations and Penna. organization Com. (Foreign) voted that it be joint. The decision rests with the H.M.Syn. Ex. Com. which meets in Jan. I am wondering if it would not be the right thing to send to the Presbyterial Y.P.Secs. instead of to the Presbyterial Secretaries. The Presidents could communicate with the auxiliaries but none of the officers whom you enumerate are in touch with the young people and I think they are in danger of being overlooked.

I have not a particle of General Council stationery. I will ask Miss Allis if she has envelopes to spare. As I have not the home addresses of Miss Ogg and Miss Parker will you ask them on Tuesday? I expect to be in New York from Tuesday to the end of the week.

I think I <u>have</u> expressed my mind about the January Conferences. I have informed the Boards about the plan and have spoken of it as decided upon and asked them to send names of people whm should be brought to it.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Room 916, 156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, New York.

December 23, 1919.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, New York.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I had a nice talk with Miss Torrance in regard to the apportionments of the Board of the Southwest. I am taking it up with that Board, probably through Mrs. Webb, as she is Chairman of our Foreign Budget Committee. We are grateful to you for letting us know of this difference in the apportionments.

I have also been trying to find out about that $ 15,000. special of the Occidental Board. I think it is what might be called a "regular special". As I started to tell you the other day, they are not only a Board but a Mission Station. The appropriation from the Board of Foreign Missions for supporting their school work is not sufficient, and a certain amount of it has to be "raised on the field". "The field" for this Mission Station is California, and about seven years ago the Board of Foreign Missions allowed the Occidental Board to raise this in a systematic manner by apportioning it to the Occidental Auxiliaries in the State. For this year it amounts to between $ 14,000 and $ 15,000, so you can see that it is beyond the budget of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, and therefore beyond the budget of the New Era Movement, and yet it is within the budget of the Occidental Board, just as it has been within their budget for many years.

When the budget of the Board of Foreign Missions was presented to the New Era this year, we all forgot this item, but it is included in the budget for 1920-1921, thus being in that of the Occidental Board, the Assembly's Board, the New Era and the Interchurch.

Thank you very much for bringing the matter to my attention. I think this is probably the explanation of it, though in addition to that there will be a deficit of $ 2,000 or $ 3,000 this year. This, the Occidental Board is trying to raise, I imagine principally from individuals,

Mrs. F. S. Bennett:- 12/23/1919.

but ultimately it is the responsibility of the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

Executive Secretary.

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July 12, 1920.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
319 South 41st Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Hodge:

I do not know when you and I are going to be able to get together but I feel that at some not distant date we really should have a long conference. It is not worth while now to undertake to write in detail relative thereto but there are one or two matters that seem to need some immediate decision.

(1) Does Mrs. Shoipley still represent the Home and Foreign Mission Boards on the New Era or is that relationship ended? I think she feels that it is but we should be clear in this matter.

(2) I note by the Minutes of the New Era Executive Committee meeting that there is to be one woman representative on that committee and our Boards are to agree in naming one. Is that your understanding of the matter?

The matters which seem to need consultation are:

1. Salaries of administrative officers including field secretaries and student secretaries.
2. Biennials
3. Meetings in connectionwwith General Assembly
4. Student Committee and student secretaries
5. Westminster Guild Committee. Should it too be a joint committee and how should budgets in Westminster Guild be arrived at?
6. Light Bearers and Little Light Bearers. The whole question of joint children's work, the manual, certificate for membership, and literature.
7. Continuation Committee and its duties.
8. The Year Book of Prayer.
9. This perhaps needs immediate attention. The Christian Endeavor missionary programs for the year should at once be gotten under way and which have been fairly unsatisfactory for two or three years, owing to the difficulty of getting them done. The whole Christian Endeavor matter needs discussion.

When are you going to be in New York so that we can have a conference long enough to really accomplish something? I would be glad to try and come in.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Faithfully yours,

M.K.B.

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MARGARET E. HODGE, PRESIDENT
MARY R. TOOKER, RECORDING SECRETARY

September 16, 1920.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, New York.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I am sorry that I did not send you the names of the members of our Continuation Committee. I thought that I had done so when I was talking with you. The Committee Consists of,-

Mrs. Hugh B. McCrone, Chairman, 501 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. William E. Waters, and Miss Alice M. Davison.

I am not sure yet whether Miss Davison will be able to serve, since she writes me she has not yet fully recovered from her operation. Mrs. McCrone writes me that she has communicated with you about the proposed change of the status of Young People's work, so I know that she is undertaking the work of her Committee.

I agree with you that it is wise to have Student affairs and other Joint matters cleared through the Continuation Committee. I was under the impression that you had already received a copy of the action of our Board in regard to the proposed increase of salaries, but I will see that it is promptly sent to you.

I am sorry that your vacation did not materialize. I thought of you during the summer, and was afraid that you were busily at work. This morning I met Miss Voss and she tells me that she has accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools. I am sure that it will be a great relief to you. I was away for seven weeks, but I was working every morning. However, I had the change of air, and have the faculty of forgetting my work when I once close my desk, so I really had physical refreshment. I do not think it is wise to give one's self no mental rest and change, but as you say about yourself, this summer seemed to be a time when it had to be done. I wish that you could get a vacation now.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

Copy.

Oct. 2, 1920.

Mrs. W. E. Waters,
126 Claremont Avenue,
New York City,.

My dear Mrs. Waters:-

I have missed your familiar handwriting all summer and though I approved of your not writing I am glad that there is now a reason for doing so.

I had a talk with Mrs. Bennett a day or two ago and so was prepared for your letter calling a meeting of the Committee on Cooperation, or father the Continuation Committee, and I was about to write you the result of our conversation in the way of items for the docket if you wish to put them on. At her request I am writing for us both.

1. The relationship of Miss Sheibley to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and if we still want her what should be the Foreign share of her salary.

2. The New Era Committee voted in June that there should be one woman on its Executive Committee, and the Woman's Boards were asked to appoint her. Should this be on nomination by the Continuation Committee?

3. Salaries of administrative officers, including Student Secretaries and Field Secretaries.

4. Biennials and Meetings in connectionmwith General Assembly.

5. Student Committee and Student Secretaries.

6. Westminster Guild Committee. Should it be a joint committee and how should budgets in Westminster Guild be arrived at?

7. "Over Sea and Land" Committee.

8. The Year Book of Prayer.

9. Continuation Committee and its duties.

10. The whole Christian Endeavor matter.

(In the summer there was an immediate need of preparing their missionary programs but this was settled by Mrs. Bennett and I referring it to Miss Petrie and Mrs. McCurdy with power.)

11. Light Bearers, Little Light Bearers. The whole question of joint children's work, the Manual, certificate for membership and literature.

12. Extension D

epartment

Perhaps No.9, should be considered first, but there are a number of matters demanding immediate attention so too much time should not be given to this. The matters to which I refer are No. 1,2,5,7,10.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Margaret E. Hodge.

Care Miss Somers Anderson,
Warm Springs, Bath Co., Va.
Aug. 2nd 1921.

Mrs. W.B.Jennings,
6012 Greene St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.,

My dear Mrs. Jennings,

Your letter of July 29th with its enclosure arrived yesterday. Do not apologize for your letters, the matter has to be attended to and your promise not write again after this is settled is rash!

I have read over the revised "How We Got Our Bible", and agree with you that it is greatly improved. I wish I could agree "that it is entirely acceptable and cannot see how it can offend." I am thankful that I was not brought up to believe that the Bible was dictated and came just as we now have it to us. The story of its writing through the ages has always been a fascinating one to me. But I am also thankful that I was brought up to believe that "holy men spake as they were moved", and that God does not contradict Himself in His two books of Revelation and Nature.

I think that very little of what is said in the present form of Miss Wright's article would arouse questions among the Guild girls and that a few minor changes could amend that.

But I think the whole tone of the article will surely offend and lay us open to criticism in the Church. It is evident for instance that she does not believe in the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch, see first sentences in "The Law" and "The Law and th Prophets", and in par. 1. on P.2 the sentense beginning "While the Israelites were thus accumulating". Of course I do not question that the authors of the historic books had access to many that are now lost, just as she says in that same paragraph, but the whole tone of the article implies that nothing was actually written in its present form until the Exile. Many devout modern scholars do believe this, but just as devout and scholarly men do not. In "The Law and the Prophets" the first sentense definitely says that for two hundred centuries after the Exile and Return there was no Jewish Bible except the Pentateuch. This cuts out all the prophecies and practically means that their "compilation" was made at the time of Antiochus Epiphanes, which destroys the prophetic import of parts of them and makes them mere history. I doubt if Miss Wright means this herself, but though I am not a trained theologian I know that this is the implication which such statements carry in certain quarters. If she had used "compile" less and "collect" or "arrange" more that would help.

You see that it is the tenor of it all rather than actual statements to which I object.

I would object at any time but just now when the Foreign Board is under criticism for harboring "modernism" we must be specially careful. Our Woman's Board so far has escaped and it would be a thousand pities for us to be involved. We have

a difficult enough task as it is without involving ourselves in theological controversy. I am sure Mrs. Bennett will feel the same way about the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

I do not know "The Bible in the Making" but judging from Miss Wright's outline I doubt the wisdom of referring to it and certainly would not be willing to allow it until someone who is up in such things approves. I wish I knew some reference book to suggest, but do not. I think it would be a good thing to have one that is published by the Board of Publication.

I do notice that Miss Wright has the idea of inspiration through her whole article and I think her spirit inbeing willing to do it over is fine.

I hope you do not think me too fussy and particular. But if you had been in some of the meetings of Council that I have been in you would realize how careful we must be. And then too I must be true myself to my convictions.

In these troublous times I think everyone of us needs to pray daily to be kept faithful and loyal and tolerant and fair. I know I do.

Very sincerely yours,

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Care Miss Somers Anderson
Warm Springs, Bath Co., Va.
Aug. 2nd 1921.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,

I hate to write a business letter to you when you ought to be resting, but Mrs. Jennings says she has sent you Miss Wright's revision of the W. F. Bible Study Course. She says that she approves of it in its present form. I wish I could, but as I cannot I have just written her my reasons against it and am venturing to send you a carbon of that letter.

This is no time for our Boards to do anything that will involve us in theological controversy, quite apart from what we personally think. I myself do not agree with this teaching and am opposed to it on that account also.

I hope you are somewhere where it is cool! Our thermometer has not been above 87°. We usually have a breeze, and the nights are comfortable. And yet we say it is hot. I am so sorry for the poor people in the cities.

Faithfully yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

Copy.

Princeton, N.J.

August 9, 1921.

Dear Margaret:-

Your letter is here. By "How we got our Bible", I take it you mean the question of transmission, and not that of cononicity, i.e. not what books are the Bible, but the history of mss. and versions, especially the English. If so, the book by Smythe which you mention is about the best for your purpose. All I know of Smythe is that he is an Episcopal Clergyman in Montreal. There is also a little book by Canon Talbot of Durham - "Our Bible: How it Has Come to Us" - the first part about the mss. the rest a history of the English Bible. There is also a "History of the English Bible" by Dr. Moulton of Cambridge. I do not think there is any such book published by our Board of Publication.

If it is the Canon you are asking about, then unfortunately there is no popular book which is right. All books take the view that there were a lot of books in the early Church, and the Church was guided by the Holy Spirit to <u>select</u> authoritative books - instead of the idea that Apostolic sanction was the test and that hence the Canon grew naturally; in other words the Bible is a collection of inspired books, <u>not</u> an inspired collection of books.

Thus Westcott, while <u>admitting</u> <u>all</u> the books of our Bible, yet practically goes with Harnack on the principle of Canonicity, making it subjective.

Dr. Warfield printed a little pamphlet (out of print now) on the N.Y. Canon; and Dr. W.H. Green has a good little book on the O.T Canon.

Yours affectionately,

(Signed) C. Wistar Hodge.

August 17, 1921

Miss Margaret E. Hodge
c/o Miss Somers Anderson
Warm Springs, Bath County
Virginia

My dear Miss Hodge:

I should have answered your letter of August 2nd at an earlier date but your letter reached Christmas Cove after I had left and as I was moving about in Maine it did not reach me very promptly. This seems to be the first opportunity to sit down quietly to send you a line. I appreciate very fully what you have written relative to the Bible Study for the Westminster Guild girls. When Mrs. Jennings sent me the first draft of the study by Miss Wright I gave the question considerable thought and the conclusion at which I arrived and the basis on which I wrote Mrs. Jennings was that according to the information I have the text book by Smith "How we got our Bible" is the one that is being taught quite largely in Summer Conferences and in a good many classes for young women. Whatever one teaches is liable to be challenged by either the conservative or more liberal thinkers. As this book is being so generally taught and — so far without arousing criticism — it seemed to me that it was a course that was calculated to stimulate interest among the girls in the study of this question. The work done in Summer Conferences and that done in the Westminster Guild Chapters is probably quite superficial and I did not feel that any deeply technical issues would ever be made. On this basis I wrote Mrs. Jennings that I felt that the best we might be able to do would be to call attention to the fact that we were but outlining a course on a book largely used by students and that we might also in a brief Forword indicate to the students that there are unsettled questions as to Bible authorship, etc. It seems to me an extremely fine subject for the girls to have and I don't know who would prepare one which would on the whole arouse as little criticism as this of Miss Wright.

When Mrs. Jennings sent me the second copy she asked that it be returned at once and as I was just leaving on a trip I had to glance at it hurriedly and return it. I don't need to say that I do not think that there may not be minor changes to be made in phraseology. I would not for the world involve our Board in theological controversies but I am wondering still whether the outlining of a book already taught so generally in our Summer Schools could possibly bring this upon us. Probably this whole matter meanwhile has been quite settled but if not have you in mind some special reference book that we might use in place of the one of which Miss White has referred.

I have had a most delightful summer and was sorry to leave Maine although now Jersey is cool and comfortable. I am so glad that you have found Warm Springs comfortable. It was much nicer to be connected with Holly Inn, at Christmas Cove than to be at anything that suggested heat.

With my cordial good wishes

Always faithfully yours - W. K. B.

W.K.B:mk

August 17, 1921

Mrs. William B. Jennings
6701 Greene Street
Germantown, Pennsylvania

My dear Mrs. Jennings:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I have just sent to Miss Hodge in reply to the copy that she sent to me of one which she wrote you under date of August 2nd. I have tried to set forth my position in this and think it not necessary to go into it any further now. I shall been keenly interested to know what has been done.

Believe me that I am,

Faithfully yours,

MKB:mk

President.

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August 23, 1921.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, New York.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Thank you for your letter of August 17th in regard to the Westminster Guild Bible study. I agree with you that the girls do need such a course and that they will not go into it very deeply. What I objected to in the first draft of Miss Wright's article was the fact that she assumed the late authorship and other "destructive" points of view. She was very nice about revising it and Mrs. Jennings asked me to revise further if I thought it necessary. As I was not altogether satisfied I did a little more and have not heard whether Mrs. Jennings and Miss Wright accepted it or not.

I should have known "How we got our Bible" but did not, neither was I able to suggest any other book, so I wrote to my cousin Wistar Hodge who is a professor in Princeton Seminary and a conservative of the conservatives. I told him that wewant something simple and not controversial and asked him to send me his opinion of this book and any other suggestions he could make and not to be aggressively orthodox. I enclose a copy of his reply which I have also sent to Mrs. Jennings. In view of this it seems to me that we can recommend the book for reference, and in case we are criticized I am glad to have Wistar's statement about it.

I am glad you really went as far away as Maine and that you enjoyed it there. I am expecting to be back in New York on September 7th for about two weeks before starting to Colorado and that part of the country for a month of Synodical meetings.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge Jr.

encl:

September 6, 1921.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Hodge:

I am sorry your letter of August 23rd has not been answered before this for I really did want you to know how much my mind was relieved that Professor Hodge endorsed the book by Symthe as much as he did and his view point was to me most helpful. I have not heard from Mrs. James as to the final decision concerning the manuscript but Dr. James who preached here a couple of weeks ago told me that he thought the matter was being satisfactorily adjusted.

I note that you will be starting for the West abouth the twentieth of the month. While I am not supposed to be on duty at "156", I shall be in once or twice before that date and will try to see you relative to the Oriental work as it is probable that I shall go to California the latter part of October. I have had some correspondence with Mrs. Cadawallader and with Mrs. Woodruff of the Methodist Board and I found in both cases a readiness to re-study the whole situation with a view to new adjustments in the work. My mind cannot, of course, be made up on the details until I get out there but I would like to talk over my present view point with you. Possibly by this time you, too, will have had letters relative to the transfer of the work to our Board.

I am so glad that you had a long summer in the mountains and I trust you are coming back to the work with new strength. I hope it has been a rest of mind as well as body; this is more difficult to secure but after all seems the most necessary, does it not?

Most faithfully yours,

MKB/ES

You saw something of the situation in the Y. W. Conf. Com. Its leader cannot lead, she is intensely interested but goes all round Robin Hood's barn, and manages to alienate many of her com. Some are ready to resign.

What can be done? Mrs. Boyce and I had to leave soon after you did, but I have been told that just at the end of the meeting the question was raised about the attitude of the W. Bd. of M. in relation to the Conf., has it ever voted in favor of it and to pay for it? Assuming that it does and that the Conf. is to be held this must be straightened out and naturally I want to do it without hurting the feelings of the chairman by asking for her resignation.

A suggestion was made that we appoint a vice-chairman in N. Y. as the time of the com. affords and speedy decisions must be made, and this must be following a precedent of the W. Bd. of M. Then I was reminded that at the suggestion of the chairman [illegible] an ad interim com. (with power) was appointed in the fall and one source of irritation has been that the chairman has ignored its decisions.

Do you think it would be possible for you and me to send a letter to the chairman stating that it is evident affairs must be speeded up and as it will be offensive to call the whole com. together frequently, that we advise that the ad interim com. meet twice a month or more frequently if necessary, to decisions to be as binding as those of the full com. That notices of all its meetings be sent to the full com. including the chairman but their votes are not needed to decide matters. The minutes of the ad interim com. to be sent to all the com. Could something of the sort be done? I would prefer your writing the letter alone but quote me if you wish. I have been the go-between so often with rather poor success that I think you as a new comer might have more weight.

You may have a far better solution than this of mine which does not seem to me ideal, but I can find no other.

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Jan. 7, 1922

Dear Mrs. Bennett,

One thing I neglected to say in my note to you yesterday was that Mrs. McCurdy was is chairman of the Ad Interim Com. You can see that that complicates matters! But she sees it too, and I have just had a letter from her enclosing a carbon of one she wrote Mrs. Jennings. It is a nice, honest letter, beginning with a frank apology for the ragged way in which she presented her report and promising to put it into proper shape and send it to her in a few days. She goes on to say that she is sure the Com. is too unwieldy to do the work that must be done in the next months and that the Ad Interim Com. is to her mind the solution, that she herself "does not feel capable or experienced enough" to be its chairman and suggests Mrs. Louderbough in her place, but will be glad to continue as a member by virtue of being chairman of the Personnel Com.

I think the thing for you and me to do is to face the fact that personalities are largely involved and try to make our respective flocks refuse to harbor any chips (Mrs. J. thinks she has a case against members of both Boards!) and to work and pray together for the work they all love. Mrs. McCurdy hints to me that some of her members may not want to remain on the Personnel Com. after Wednesday's meeting but I hope none of them will be childish enought to resign. They are called for

Thursday and it would be nice for you in the leisure moments that the Council gives to investigate the matter!

Of course if resignations must be asked for for the good of the work I will not oppose, but I do not believe quite such a crisis has yet arisen. I am sorry not to have been able to talk with Mrs. Londerbough but hope to soon.

I am very anxious that we keep the situation as quiet as possible, hence this written letter. If you have to go into personalities in replying will you put "personal" on the envelope?

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge.

January 13, 1922.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Hodge:

I thought I should answer your note written at the meeting of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America probably in a few hours but Saturday and Sunday were so filled with interruptions that I seemed not able to think through the matter of the Young Women's Conference. The four days of this week have been fully taken up with the Annual Meetings of the Council of Women for Home Missions. I realized that you were at Atlantic City so have not felt so anxious about the matter.

I have not had an opportunity to talk with anyone since the meeting of the Committee on the Young Women's Conference except as I have happened to meet two or three of the members in the hall and a word has been said here and there. My own impression regarding the whole matter is that there is not yet in the minds of the committee a common body of thought as to the exact purposes of the Conference and therefore no common thought as to the method by which this shall be attained. From the things that I have gleaned it has seemed to me that the purposes range in the minds of the committee from (1) a Conference of Young Women who have not been active in the work of the church but who have a background of knowledge from the home life and who have shown a desire for some kind of Christian service to (2) a conference of workers among young people, rather irrespective of the age of such workers with the thought of discussing methods of interesting the young women. All have the same ultimate purpose in view but the method of attaining it seems to be different. Personally, I cannot believe that much good can be accomplished by what I would call a compromise plan. For example, if two-thirds of those present were Board people and women working among young women, it would be inevitable that they would occupy the time in discussion and there would frequently arise some critism of the attitude of the young women of the church. I feel that both of these things would antagonize the small group of uninterested young women. On the other hand, if two-thirds of those present were quite young women not yet working in the church in any way and one-third were perhaps Synodical people, the latter might very easily be annoyed unless they were big women of open minds by the attitude of the younger women.

I suppose that when the conference was first projected, I did not give sufficient time to realize the form of plans that had been taken. In my own mind the conference has always been a group of quite young women with large possibilities but not actively in the service of their own local church or of the church-at-large. With this I had thought there would be present a small group of Board people who would present the opportunities that the church offers and the claim it makes. These Board people would be both

from headquarters and from the Mission fields. I had not thought that there would be Synodical and Presbyterial officers unless there chanced to be an outstanding woman who could look at this whole matter abstractly. I am presenting my own feeling quite frankly, not because I am not willing to accede to another plan that may seem better but simply because I wish to have it very clear as to my own thought.

I did not know many of the names that were presented the other day but those who did know them seemed so often to disapprove of the choice that had been made that I realized that the aim of the whole committee was not the same. I should have no hesitation in postponing or giving up the conference if it seemed unwise to go on with it at this time. Personally, I regretted greatly the publicity in the Westminster Guild Bulletin. To my mind the psychology of such a gathering would argue for the least publicity as to the purpose of the group. Certainly if the thought in my own mind as to its personnel should prevail, it would be most unwise to advertize the meeting in any way at all.

If, on the other hand, the conference is to be made up of those who are officials in Synodical or Presbyterial Societies as well as others, I think it would have been well not to have advertized it as there cannot help being a certain jealousy as to why some are invited and others are not - with expenses paid.

I have not, as you see, done anything further than to try and set forth my own position. I want again to make it clear that I am fully ready to cooperate in any plan that shall be for the best good but we shall not get anywhere until we are all very clear what we want. I should think at this time that the committee should be called together for a whole day or two or three days if need be until they have clarified the whole situation in their own minds and have reached an absolutely common purpose. That would to me be the main issue; details will not be so difficult when this is done. Having decided upon the aim of the committee as a body, we should then consider personnel and program fully.

If having considered the purpose, however, they are not fully satisfied to proceed as a unit, it seems to me the matter could simply be dropped. No one has been asked to attend and it could therefore simply go over without anything being said.

I was very much struck with the plan Mrs. Keck had. A lady living in the vicinity of San Francisco loaned her large home for the week end and about a dozen girls were invited to be the guests there to consider most informally the program of the church. It seems to me that that would be a wonderful way of getting hold of groups of girls. If fifteen or twenty such groups could be gotten together all over the country with only two or three women with each group, a wonderful piece of work could be done; then out from those groups there could later be taken the picked girls for a general conference. Such a plan would of course mean the postponing of the general conference.

Matters are proceeding for the conference as originally planned for the

Personnel Committee was meeting at "156" yesterday. So far as I know all the original members were on it; at least no one said anything to the contrary to me.

A note from Mrs. Jennings written, I think, simply to explain the meeting the other day seems to give me the opportunity to write her suggesting a meeting of two or three days if need be of the committee to consider every detail. I shall suggest that so soon as the group have reached this common thought, details shall then be placed in the hands of an Ad Interim Committee which shall have power but I do not think that in the present state of affairs any Ad Interim Committee can work satisfactorily.

I want to reitterate that I am expressing my own opinion from what I heard at the meeting the other day with nothing more than little side lights of a word or two in the halls. The opportunity has not come to talk with Miss Purves concerning the program so I have not gone into that matter in any way.

I shall be most glad to have you take exception to any or all of my point of view. By so doing we shall clarify the purposes of all.

Most faithfully yours,

MKB/ES

Notes from Meeting of Oriental Missions Coucil, March 22, 1922.

Dr. Chas. Brooks and Mr. Rodney Roundy of
Home Missions Council, present.

Dr. Shepherd, president of Oriental Missions Council, presiding.

Dr. Shepherd introduced Dr. Brooks as the official representative of the Home Missions Council, with a special matter to present to the Oriental Missions Council.

Dr. Brooks referred to a proposition previously made by the Home Missions Council, with reference to the unification of work among the Chinese in San Francisco, which had been voted upon adversely by the Council in San Francisco. He stated that he wished to re-present the matter, thinking that the point of view of the assembly might have changed somewhat in the intervening months. He asked that, as far as possible, the minds of the members of the Council might look at this suggestion from the Home Missions Council without the prejudice of previous opinion, and stated that he would explain more in detail the thought of the Home Missions Council, and then ask for a frank discussion of the matter.

Dr. Brooks stated that it is the conviction of the Home Missions Council that the uniting of all Protestant enterprises in Chinatown in one plant, is desirable. This plant would include all school work; a dormitory for men; a dormitory for women; a gymnasium and social halls; an auditorium for united Christian congregations; also, chapels for the various ecclesiastical organizations.

The advantages which such a plant presents would be:-

1. The possibility of enlarging and improving the schools, to make them adequate.
   At present they are acknowledged to be inadequate.
2. The opportunity for the development of the social and recreational life of the community.
   Most plans for individual effort in church work are for a small group, and not on the community scale.
3. Provision for living quarters for young men and young women, under Christian auspices.
   No such provision at present.
4. The opportunity for united evangelistic and popular services, without interference with the separate communions.
5. The opportunity of presenting to the Chinese community a united Protestant Christian front, and contradict the present impression of competition.

Dr. Brooks stated that the Home Missions Council was fully aware that many problems and perplexities must be met in this plan. If the principle could be accepted as worth-while, the problems and perplexities could be met gradually. He made a plea

for the earnest consideration of the principle, first of all.

Dr. Brooks classified some of the diffulties to be met, as follows:-

1. Uniting the minds of the American workers.
2. Uniting the minds of the Chinese workers.and members.
3. The economic problem in the sale of present properties.
4. Finding the right location for the new plant.
5. Deciding the details of organization and administration.

The first two, he considered the largest difficulties.

Dr. Brooks stated that, in the previous adverse report on this plan, the following objections had been raised, and he met them thus:-

Objection:- The Y. M. C. A. and Y.W.C.A. provide for the social life of the community, under Christian auspices.
Answer:- They do not provide for the schools, which are essential.

Objection:- Merging the schools would effect union to a degree.
Answer:- Merging the schools does not solve the larger problem, of the effect of a divided effort upon the community.

Objection:- Why not unite the budgets, and have a common Superintendent, keeping the present buildings in operation.
Answer:- This does not solve the larger problem, which is, the attack on the Chinese community.

The effect of Christian work upon the community should be to transform its character. We do not succeed in our work, or realize the mind and thought of Christ, until the character of the community is changed. The impression created by the present method of work is that it touches the fringe, but not the heart of the community.

The chairman introduced Mr? Roundy as the Associate Sec. of the H. M. C.

Mr. Roundy read the statement adopted by representatives of the H. M. C. at a Conference luncheon in New York, in February, and asked for discussion by the members of the Oriental Missions Council.

DISCUSSION.

Dr. Sturge, Presbyterian Supt. of Japanese work.

Thinks there would be serious objection to having different chapels in the same building; believes it would make for confusion and competition.

Dr. Brooks--Answer.

The plan works in Cathedral churches, and is workable here, he believes.

The Boards would not approve a united building which excluded the church work and left the present buildings in operation, because the additional expense of a new building could not be undertaken if present buildings are maintained.

Dr. Shaw, of Disciples' Church.

Has the financial aspect of this project proposed, been investigated?

Dr. Brooks--Answer.

Only roughly. The Boards feel it would be far better to sell their present properties and add money necessary for the new project, than to put money into the enlarging of present properties.

He appeals to the Council for consideration of the general principle, before the details.

Dr. Shaw, of Disciples' Church.

Expresses opinion that the greatest hindrance to this project will be in the minds of the Americans. Why is it necessary to have separate churches? Why not have a union church? Those whose beliefs are similar could combine, making some reduction in the number, at least. E.g., the Disciples and Baptists; the Congregationalists, Methodists and Presbyterians. Are the Americans willing to make the sacrifice necessary to insure this? If they are, the Chinese will follow suit.

Recommends agreement on the proposition of a united attack upon Chinatown, and the merging of some denominations.

Dr. Brooks -- Answer.

At the February Conference in New York, at which this proposed plan was discussed, Dr. Corey, the representative of the Disciples' Church, did not favor such an arrangement as Dr. Shaw mentions. Dr. Brooks fears that raising this question now would defeat the whole proposition. It is only an incidental matter, for it would only affect the number of rooms in the plant, and be merely a question as to whether there should be one auditorium, or an auditorium and chapels.

Mr. Roundy.

The Council in New York wants to be assured of willingness of the Oriental Missions Council to co-operate on the principal motives.

Mr. Perkins, of Y.M.C.A.

Has to leave for an appointment, but wishes to assure the New York representatives that the Y.M.C.A. is in thorough accord with its plans. Feels that the work being done now by the denominations is a failure, and wishes to see this proposed plan carried out. As a Y.M.C.A., representative, pledges co-operation of Association in the plan, even though they are one the eve of their drive for a building for the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Thinks the money will be needed in any event, and promises co-operation of the Y.M.C.A. in proposed plans.

Question-- Could Dr. Brooks suggest an outline of the plan for administrating such a plant?

Dr. Brooks--Answer.

The property could be incorporated, and the general management could be in the hands of a group, such as the Orientals Mission Council, or the Home Missions Council, either of which could become a corporate body.

The inside management might be similar to that of a University faculty- departmentalized, with each group having a definite responsibility for a definite piece of work, in its finances and personnel. For example, the Y.M.C.A. could be responsible for men's dormitory, gymnasium, etc; one denomination for the kindergarten, another a different group. It would be like a business organization with different branches. There might be one person, corresponding to the Dean, at the head.

Dr. Emhart, representative of Episcopal Church, both locally and from New York headquarters.

Quotes a working example of this principle in the North Beach Community house, where several demoninations, including the Episcopalian, have united in a common building, for community service.

There are two types of responsibility,- one to one's own constituence, and one to a dependent race. All heathen people have a group systemof some kind. There is danger of competition among the several groups of Christians, unless uniged effort is encouraged.

States that he has authority from the local diocese, as well as from the ruling body of his church, to endorse the principle of presenting a united front in the Chinese community, and makes a motion to that effect.

Mr. Titsworth, of Y.M.C.A. seconds motion.

Dr. Pearson, Supt. of Methodist Chinese missions.

Objects strenuously to statement that present work of churches in Chinese community is a failure, and proceeds to waste a lot

of time by attempting to prove that it isn't. Many bored expressions! Finally reaches matter in hand, and goes on record as objecting to the plan of administration in a united building, because of the difficulty of handling American workers. Thinks greater proximity would increase these difficulties.

Thinks the plan of administration should be considered before the general principle is adopted. Stresses necessity of using Chinese workers to interpret spiritual truths properly to the Chinese.

Dr. Vermilye--

Believes that this organization has already adopted the principle of co-operation, and suggests that details be discussed.

Question-- Of what special use would the separate chapels be?

Dr. Brooks--Answer:- For example:- Separate Sunday morning services might be held by the various communions, and all might come together for a union evening service in the auditorium.

Mr. Mell--American Bible Society.

Voices approval of the principle of a united front in Chinatown. Says that in India and China the native peoples are demanding united effort, and forcing it upon the missionaries. Believes that the Chinese here will demand it shortly. Endorses the proposed plan, as representing the Am. Bible Society.

Mr. Roundy.

Speaks of the impression in New York that the united Catholic movement is a challenge to Protestant effort.

Dr. Shepherd, President of the Council.

Calls upon Miss Cameron as the "veteran missionary of Chinatown"(! ! !) to express her views as to the proposed plan.

(Excursion and interpolation, not official! Many sparks from the eyes of the "veteran missionary". Much ill-concealed and inappropriate chuckling of the humble assistant!)

Miss Cameron, Supt. of Presby. Home for Chinese girls.

Wholeheartedly favors union work in Chinatown. Has endeavored repeatedly to bring about union in some form with the Methodist denomination in the particular line of work in which she and they are engaged . Emphasizes absolute necessity of having trained, consecrated Chinese workers to present properly the truths of the Christian faith, and testifies to own dependence upon native workers in her home.

Dr. Shepherd.

Asks Miss Cameron to state to what extent, in her estimation, we haveactually touched the Chihese community, and to what extent we have failed.

Miss Cameron--Answer.

Considers past efforts of churches a glorious success, in the light of the converts made, and their Christian lives here and in China. Considers past efforts a failure, in real grip upnn theyouth of the Chinese community. Organizations actively anti-Christian, and detrimental and dangerous to the community life, are on the increase. Tongs are now reaching out and taking in educated youths, and young boys, who form themselves into "junior tongs". Considering the length of time given, and the devotion of life, we have not gripped the community as we could have, with a more united front.

Dr. Peasson, M.E. Supt.

States his conviction that Chinese conservatism must be counted as one difficulty towards progress.

Miss Cameron.

The Missions have laid the foundations for a bigger work, and the time is ripe for a united work, which can better facilitate the growth.

Mr. Titsworth, of Y.M.C.A.

States that the principle under discussion is being worked satisfactorily in the North Beach community work, among the Latin people.

Dr. Pearson.

Asks for more detailed information about this project at North Beach, and what kind of union it is.

Mr. Titsworth. Answer.

Each denomination is taking the responsibility for a certain department. There is no ecclesiastical organization. Each denomination working there may have its own morning service. In the evening a union service is held. About fifty are to unite with the various churches at Easter. On such an occasion, a clergyman of each denomination, with two official members of his Board, comes to receive the members into the churches of their choice. These converts will have membership in American churches which the clergymen represent, but their practical work is carried on at North Beach community house. The converts are carried through a preparatory class, and then the different denominations are explained to him, and he is allowed to make his choice of them.

The plan works, and is administered harmoniously.

Dr. Pearson--M.E. Supt.

Calls attention to the fact that this is a case of American

churches working for a foreign people, and not churches made up of foreign people working for themselves, as is the case in the Chinese community.

Much discussion follows, regarding the form of resolution to be adopted and sent back to the Home Missions Council. Finally agreed to refer the matter to a committee, who shall draw up the resolution and present it to the Council after luncheon.

Dr. Brooks.

States the necessity of admitting Chinese representatives before adopting any program.

General agreement to his statement.

Dr. Hinman, of Cong. Board, asks questions of Mr? Roundy concerning the Orientals Missions directory to be issued.

Meeting adjourned until 1:15.p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Report of resolution committee read. Much discussion of the resolution followed, and half of it was cut off. The resolution as finally adopted is given at the close of this report. The main points in the afternoon discussion were as follows:-

Dr. Vermilye:

The program presented by the representatives of the Home Missions Council calls for the minimizing of denominationalism. Are we willing for that? The movements among the Chinese show that the ultimate question will be an independent Chinese church, with American workers striving for the filling and feeding of that church.

Part of the solution of the problem might be for some of the denominations to move out, and leave the work to others.

Dr. Shaw, of the Disciples' Church.

The constituency behind the local work presents a real problem. The appeal of this work to the constituency is that of a foreign work. The constituency must be satisfied with the disposition of the building already existing. The workers realize that they are not accomplishing what they ought, and are looking to this conference to decide future policies. The representatives cannot go as far as they would like, because their constituency will not support them.

The representatives have two responsibilities and relationships:- 1st., to the Chinese; 2nd., to the constituency. An aggregation of denominational buildings would not promote cooperation, but competition; yet a single building could not be accepted without consulting the constituency.

Dr. Pearson, of the M.E. Church.

Asks how many demominations would join in a unification plan. Considers that we already have c-operation. Expresses himself ready for anything that ought to be done, but is not yet convinced himself as to what is right. Thinks union work would not increase the efficiency of the schools; thinks that night-schools separate from the churches would tend to weaken the individual churches, and asks how the membership of the churches would be built up.

Thinks that only four, or at the most, five denominations would agree.

Dr. Hinman asks that Dr. Shepherd give over the chair to someone else, and tell the assembly what he thinks. Dr. Brooks encourages him to do so freely and frankly.

Dr. Shepherd, Supt. of Baptist Chinese missions .

Thinks union ought to be. Obstacles are very great, but should be overcome. "What ought to be, can be." There will be difficulty in getting Americans to think alike. There will be difficulty in getting the Chinese to approve the plan, particularly the older men. The solution would be winning them, not driving them.

There would be loss of money in the sale of present properties, but the responsibility for that is with the Boards. Some could be converted into apartment houses.

Asks Dr. Brooks and Mr. Roundy how many demominations represented in Home Missions Council support this idea.

Urges that meeting with Chinese brethren be held while Dr. Brooks and Mr? Roundy are here.

Dr. Brooks, for the Home Missions Council.

Four denominations were represented at the Feb. conference, and definitely committed to the principle now under discussion. Others are not on record as opposed to it, but were not present. The Home Missions Council would not wait for unanimous approval, but would proceed if the majority of those present at this Oriental Missions Council meeting, including the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. would co-operate.

Mr. Titsworth, for the Y.M.C.A.

Assures the company of the whole-hearted co-operation of the Y.M.C.A.

Miss Myrtle Mills, Genl. Sec. of the Chinese Y.W?C.A.

Assures the company of the co-operation of the Y.W.C.A.

Dr. Pearson.

Refers to the commonly accepted belief that a union work would mean a saving of expense, and asks if this matter has been investigated.

Dr. Brooks.

Feels that it would not mean a saving of money, but says that the important thing is not the question of money, but the greatest efficiency. The Baptists must spend $50,000.00 to enlarge their work. He is willing to put that into the new enterprise for a union effort . States that the Boards are willing to spend more money, if it is well spent.

Dr. Hinman, of Cong. Board.

Is desirous that the Home Missions Council understand that we as an Oriental Missions Council have been long striving for a union effort.

The relation of Chinese initiative to the movement must be taken into consideration. It is not a question of what we do for them, but what they will do under our guidance. The spiritual vitality of the Chinese churches is not sufficiently recogniaed. This growing self-consciousness in the Chinese church may ne a help to a unified plan, or may result in independent organizations. A large building does not always prove to be a help to the spiritual growth of a church. In some instances have proven unsuccessful in China. It is possible that the Chinese may prefer smaller buildings, with their greater freedom for self-development, to a paternal enterprise.

Secular schools are providing better equipment and better teachers, and many public school teachers now have a personal interest in the students. It is a question whether the church is going to retain pre-eminence in influence through educational work. If a parochial school is started, it must be considered how long it will serve its purpose, or whether or not it will have to resign in favor of better equipment.

There is immense need outside of San Francisco, which has not yet been discussed. A disproportionate amount of money, he thinks, is being spent upon work in San Francisco, to the neglect of outside work.

Dr. Vail, of the Meth. Japanese work.

It is impossible to unite all denominations in an ecclesiastical sense. It is impossible also, to have one building with many small rooms for chapels.

The schools are the builders of the churches. Suggests that union be effected in one phase of the work, namely, the schools. The public schools cannot be trusted to teach Christianity, and it is useless to expect them to do so. The church must teach Christianity through church schools.

Miss Cameron.

Repemphasized the necessity of calling into council the Chinese

pastors and representatives. They are already thinking along these lines, and are eager for self-determination. They should be called into consultation before definite action is taken.

Dr.Pearson.

Is of the opinion that we should first decide how far we want to go ourselves, as they might take us farther than we e want to go!

Asks what would be the process of building up denominations under the proposed plan. How far could this building up be done harmoniously? Would the logical conclusion not be a union church?

The proposed plan might bring danger of strife and contantion in greater degree, because work all under one roof.

If plan is adopted, we must be prepared for independent Chinese churches.

The following resolution was adopted:-

> In response to the report of the Oriental Missions Committee of the Home Missions Council concerning work among the Chinese in San Francisco, presented by Dr. Brooks and Mr. Roundy, be it
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> RESOLVED; That the Oriental Missions Council most cordially favors a thorough-going co-operation in work for the Chinese in San Francisco under all denominations, expressing itself in a common plan of work.

Dr. Brooks suggested that subcommittees be appointed, including others than Superintendents, to consider and report on certain phases of the co-operative plan, such as,

1. Organization and administration.
2. Ecclesiastical and religious phases.
3. Social and recreational features.
4. School proposition.
5. Property and buildings.

Dr. Pearson moved that the Superintendents be constituted a Committee to appoint these sub-committees, of which they, themselves, would be members, and that a report of the findings be submitted to the Oriental Missions Council at its next meeting, a month hence.

Motion seconded and carried.

AMEN.

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March 24, 1922.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Miss Cameron tells me that she has written you that I will send you some "jottings" of what transpired at the recent meeting of the Oriental Missions Council here, at which Meeting Dr. Brooks and Mr. Roundy were present. Of course you know that I am in the habit of obeying Miss Cameron explicitly! Hence the enclosed attempt at notes. The letter is an extra,- entirely a spontaneous production! I mean this letter. The other letter which is enclosed will somewhat explain itself. It is a copy of one which Miss Cameron asked me to write to Miss Ayer of Northfield, who is the Registrar of the Seminary. She has been there for many years, is a woman of unusual good sense, and would be sound in her judgments, I think. They have a course at Northfield which trains for institutional housekeeping, and we thought that some young woman of missionary instincts might like to skip the continent and try working out her knowledge on our little Chinks. You may do anything you like to the candidates who present themselves. Don't tell them so many thrilling stories of roof-climbing and window smashing that they will think it is all wild and woolly, will you?

Now back to the Conference. The reason why I have given you so much to wade through, is because I thought you might like to know how the minds reacted, and you could only know that by following the discussion. I think most of the people there will get behind the scheme proposed by the Home Missions Council. The Methodist brother was the weakest in the knees, and the man from the Christian church was willing, but afraid his constituency won't be! The rest of us were the meek little lambs we always are, of course. We're awfully glad Dr. Brooks came. He's true blue, we think.

I have given you so many enclosures that I won't burden you with a long letter. We think and speak very often of you, and wish that headquarters were in San Francisco, instead of New York, that we might see you often. Our hearts have been very much with you in deep sympathy since we heard of your great loss recently.

Each member of the staff would send greetings if she knew I was writing. With my love, and good wishes always,

Faithfully yours,

Ethel Higgins

April 10, 1922.

Dear Ethel Higgins:

I am most deeply indebted to you for the report from the meeting of the Oriental Missions Council. I specially liked some foot notes that were there on. They were illuminating and a few more would not have been amiss. But I did feel that I had been with you at the meeting. Dr. Brooks either is not back or he is too busy to call us together for we have not had a meeting to hear his report. I am most keen to know what he will have to say about the whole matter. I have just written Miss Cameron my fear is that we shall attempt to siese so much that we shall fail in holding anything. Of course, I naturally feel that the plan we had was the wiser for the immediate present; that is, to stress the unification of the Day Schools, leaving the church question for a later decision. I feel sure we could have gotten that much and I am so afraid that that may fail because of the extent of the program that is now being suggested. It will be interesting to compare Dr. Brook's report with your's \

I cannot tell you how often I wish when I think of San Francisco that I were Superintendent of Field Work instead of President of the Board. Then all the detail of readjustments and of administration would come to me. I have not for a long time had a problem that interested me more than that of the Oriental work in San Francisco and I am just keen to work out the full program. Every rumor that comes to me says that you are all getting tired out and I know you m ust. I do hope that it has been possible to find someone to take charge of the extra grils in the two apartments and thus relieve the situation a little. On June 1st we shall hope to be ableto officially assume all responsibility and correspondence and while perhaps we shall not be able to help as much as we wish we might at once, we shall nevertheless, be free to move on in a direct line toward final decisions. I wish it were going to be my fortune to go out to California in the fall to go over the many things that are going to need attention.

I must be off to New York in a little while and there may not write the chatty letter that I should like to send but I can send much love to you one and all and I am now and always

Faithfully yours,

Will Miss Dawson & Miss Sheibley please read for information & then send to files — M.K.B.

June 9, 1922.

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Mrs. George A. Kennedy
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San Francisco, California

My dear Mrs. Kennedy:

Your letter of June 1st relative to the holding of the meetings of the Occidental District at 920 Sacramento Street is at hand. I do want you to know that we are most appreciative of all it has meant to the women through many years to assemble both in the old 920 and in the new and it is far from our desire to interrupt your happy times there. I am, however, compelled to say that plans which are still tentative will, I fear, make it necessary soon for the meetings to be held elsewhere as it will not be possible to have the space necessary. Just when this adjustment will be made I cannot now say but we hope at an early date and so I am afraid that I really ought to say to you that I think it would be wise for you to begin plans for another meeting place very shortly. Does not this sound ungracious? I am sure you know that I do not wish to be so but it is so much better for me to say this now than it would be to have you suddenly left without a meeting place.

We are very much disturbed about Miss Cameron. She seems very tired and she is so shorthanded as to workers that the care is additionally heavy. Anything that can be done to relieve her really would be wisely done now for it seems impossible for her to get away for that long delayed rest which we all realize she needs.

Will you be good enough to make it very clear to the ladies that we do not want to turn them out but that if our plans carry we shall shortly not have the space for the meetings and that meanwhile it is not worthwhile to make any different arrangements. It may be that you will immediately be able to find a comfortable place and will wish to make the hard break at once rather than to have it before you. I am so sorry that following upon your long association with the building there must come this added wrench, believe me that I am with every cordial good wish

Faithfully yours,

MKB:mk

President.

I think some such precedent was established by the Synodical society.
If there are any other details they, dumbbells, can be easily arranged to satisfaction of all.
I am not sure that I have covered all the points but if you could see the way the band-man is beating me this minute, you would understand so please forgive me for writing you at so late an hour of the night.

Cordially yours
Jeannette Ross Kennedy.
(Mrs. Geo. A.)
June 1-1922.

35- Santa Ana Ave,
St. Francis Woods,
San Francisco.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett, President.
Woman's Board of Home Missions
New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

At a recent meeting of the Directors of Occidental Board, the question arose as to place of meeting on the first Monday of the month. The Occidental District has continued meetings each first Monday at 920 Sacramento just the same as the Board

matter and we will be guided accordingly. Of course we would be very glad to continue the meetings at 920 if it is convenient and satisfactory to all but we wish you to feel at liberty to be quite frank with us and whatever your decision we will be happy to abide by it. The income from the lunches makes the meetings self supporting and I think usually does a little better than that. We would also make some contribution toward the gas-

meetings were held for two months y cent. In fact, they are the most established one gathering we have and the women of the entire Bay Region love, for so many years, set aside the first Friday of each month for it. It is a fitful habit. It might take several months to train any part that the cradle-to-grave one which leads to "920" but we want to know your wishes in the

Thursday - June 29

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June 19, 1922.

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Fred L. Brownlee
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David D. Forsyth
Mrs. Fred S. Bennett
Mrs. Katherine S. Westfall
Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff

Dear Friend: -

At a meeting of the Joint Committee on Orientals and Hawaiians on June 7, 1922 it was voted that the above secretaries representing boards doing work among the Chinese in San Francisco be asked to meet in the office of the Home Missions Council on Thursday, June 29, 1922 at 9.30 A.M. to consider the action taken thus far by the Joint Committee on Orientals of the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Oriental Missions Council on the coast, relative to Chinese work in San Francisco. In order to come to important understandings without delay it is necessary that responsible secretaries should formulate a program of cooperation among the Chinese that may be put in such shape as to enable the representatives of the several boards to definitely advise their workers as to future methods and policies, - hence the special importance of this meeting.

Anticipating your presence, we are in behalf of the committtee

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary
Home Missions Council

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June 20-1922.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett.
156- Fifth ave-
New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Your letter of June ninth, regarding the holding of first Monday meetings of Occidental District at 920 Sacramento Street, was to-day presented to the Executive Committee and I was instructed to write you that your suggestion will be acted upon and immediate arrangements made for meeting elsewhere. Your expressions of understanding and sympathy with our affection

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for the associations of fifty
years are appreciated.
Yes, the change in place of meeting
will probably seem a wrench, not
only to us but to the entire District,
but we can adjust ourselves to
it just as we have to the whole
program of change and as we
go out to new quarters, surely
the spirit of love and devotion
which has permeated all the work
for half a century, will abide, to
ever remind you of our deep interest
in all that pertains to the work.
Our earnest prayer is that as God
has blessed us in the past and led
us when the way was very dark, so
He will continue to lead and guide
and all the work to be greatly

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Cordially yours.

Jeannette Ross Kennedy.

Mrs. Geo. A.

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San Francisco

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6/21/22

My dear Miss Dawson:—

Some of my own officers have just called me up & said they had been told the Occidental District had heard from the Wed. that missionary meetings could no longer be held at 920 Sacramento St.

I asked both women if the bldg. had been sold or if alterations for converting it into a big day school were begun — And neither knew.

I have not talked with any of the O.B. people, none of them have suggested or know that I am writing

you — neither am I writing you officially — but simply as friend to friend!

& the building has not been sold, or is not to be immediately used, each the usual meetings be continued until some real change is made.

The women were all so happy at their last meeting, June 6 — when the Trustees announced that although they had not heard definitely they had understood the W.B.H. was willing they should hold their meetings in the dear old place for the present. Everyone was delighted & there was a loving, sympathetic spirit; personally, I was rejoiced that this hard change for a lot of these women was being made

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FOR HOME MISSIONS

IN THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

with so little friction.

If this new order is not rescinded, I dread, more than I can express, the effect upon the California constituency. The Cal. women gave that bldg. I am informed that no money came from the Bd.. Everyone of us helped to our fullest limit. We all knew that the entire first floor & the Dining room were planned for the monthly meetings of the W.B.H. & we gladly gave our money to it.

A very few of the Chinese missionaries have always objected to this use of the bldg. for this purpose once a month. The work the Chinese girls do is to

wait on the table! (You & I do that at Ck-lunches?) Oc. Bd. officers have told me the only really practical service taught the girls in the Home is this —— but they do not like to do it. This is hear say & gossip — I do not know. But I do know effect of this new order on Cal. constituency — & I dread to face it. I am imploring you to rescind it & wire Mrs Dennistone meetings may be continued for the immidiate future.

As I said before, this is not an official letter but a loving, friendly word of caution — to implore you to stop before it is too late.

Very sincerely
— Julia Fraser

Mrs. Bennett 3-

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church has received the recommendations of the meeting "of Representatives of Boards doing Oriental Mission Work on the Pacific Coast" which was held on June 29, 1922, to consider "cooperation in Christian activities among the Chinese in San Francisco", at which time there were present

Dr. George L. Cady, Congregational; Dr. John A. Marquis, Presbyterian; Dr. Charles A. Brooks, Baptist; Dr. H. B. Johnson (for Dr. Forsyth) Methodist Episcopal; Mrs. Fred. S. Bennett and Miss Edna R. Voss, Presbyterian; Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, Methodist Episcopal; Miss Florence E. Quinlan, Council of Women for Home Missions; and Rodney W. Roundy, Home Missions Council, and

WHEREAS the above group had been appointed at a meeting of the Joint Committee on Orientals held on June 7, 1922, to consider the reply of the Oriental Missions Council which met in San Francisco on March 22, 1922, to the tentative recommendations of the Conference of Board Representatives held in New York on February 27, 1922, relative to work among Chinese in San Francisco, whereas this Committee had been instructed to formulate a program that should be referred to the various Boards for action, therefore be it RESOLVED:

1. That the Executive Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church desired to place itself on record as concurring in the feeling often expressed by the representatives of the participating bodies that the overlapping of Christian work among Orientals in San Francisco is neither efficient nor creditable to the participating bodies.
2. That recognizing all the difficulties in the way of such compromises as will be necessary to bring into existence a unified and acceptable program, the Executive Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions nevertheless urges that further conferences be held as soon as possible, at which there shall be present representatives of those denominations which are doing work among the Orientals in San Francisco, with a view to reconciling the various points of view and to securing unanimous recommendations that may be sent to the Boards participating in this work.
3. That these resolutions be sent to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Orientals, who is also Chairman of the Sub-committee rendering the report of June 29, 1922, asking him to call the desired conference.
4. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Boards doing work among Orientals in San Francisco.

A Meeting of Representatives of Boards doing Oriental Mission Work on the Pacific Coast to consider cooperation in Christian activities among the Chinese in San Francisco, California. Office of the Home Missions Council, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City at 10.30 A.M. on June 29, 1922.

Present - Dr. George L. Cady, Congregational; Dr. John A. Marquis, Presbyterian; Dr. Charles A. Brooks, Baptist; Dr. F. B. Johnson (for Dr. Forsyth) Methodist Episcopal; Mrs. Fred S. Bennett and Miss Edna R. Voss, Presbyterian; Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, Methodist Episcopal; Miss Florence A. Quinlan, Council of Women for Home Missions; and Rodney W. Roundy, Home Missions Council.

Prayer - Dr. Marquis.

Statements were made by the Chairman, Dr. Roundy, and Dr. Brooks concerning previous actions taken by board representatives herein New York and by the Oriental Missions Council in San Francisco. In behalf of the Oriental Missions Council Dr. Johnson emphasized (1) their desire to sincerely act in a spirit of cooperation, (2) that their report was one of progress and so tentative; (3) that the Council was cautious in order that it might move harmoniously (4) nobody wants to maintain the present status quo and especially in the field of Chinese education.

After thorough discussion the following votes were taken: -

1. Voted that it is the opinion of the representatives of boards at this meeting (1) that the different denominations unite all their day and night schools in a building, or group of buildings; (2) that this building, or group of buildings, be secured in China town where such schools can be housed and (3) that we commend to the various cooperating boards that they rent for school purposes the building at 920 Sacramento Street owned by the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and (3) that a committee consisting of one representative from each cooperating board in conjunction with a similar committee on the field appointed by the Oriental Missions Council be constituted to study and carry out the program involved in these motions.

2. Voted that parallel to this educational work a united social and recreational program be provided by the boards cooperating in the school work along with the Young Men's Christian Association and Young Women's Christian Association and that similar committees as constituted in the previous motion along with representatives of the two Associations be appointed to work out the plans and policies involved.

3. Voted that it is the hope of this group as representing their several denominations that the day may not be far distant when closer cooperation in the evangelistic work may be secured, the steps by which this end shall be reached to be later determined upon.

4. Dr. Brooks was understood as voting against the above motions but is recorded as voting in favor of the above plans provided the last paragraph had been omitted and in its place the following action had been taken: - "While this action doesnot propose the formation of a union church for the Chinese in San Francisco it is agreed that there should be cooperation among the denominations now working for the Chinese in the city to the extent of providing a single building or group of buildings which should house the various denominational church groups for their respective forms of worship and also for carrying out a cooperative program in the fields of educational, recreational and evangelistic work together with social activities, and providing also dormitory accommodations with separate apartments for Chinese young men and women."

Respectfully submitted,

Rodney W. Roundy
Secretary

June 30, 1922.

Miss Julia Fraser,
2014 Fifth Avenue,
Oakland, California.

My dear Miss Fraser:

Thank you very much for your letter which was received when I was attending the Conference at Stony Brook, Long Island. I appreciate your having written regarding the matter of the women continuing to use 920 Sacramento Street and understand the spirit in which you do it.

Mrs. Bennett carried the correspondence and I believe the women fully understand the spirit of Mrs. Bennett's letter. Their seemed to indicate that they did. Our reason for closing the Occidental District, of which, of course, all the missionary women are a constituent part just as they are part of the Home Mission work, was the tax on strength of the meeting on the teachers. As you know, it necessitated closing the school. Another reason for it was that we are hoping to dispose of 920 and move the girls over to Oakland. Miss Tooker had a conference with the Building Committee of the Board on Monday, at which time we went over plans for the lay-out of the new plant as Miss Voss had discussed it with Miss Cameron at Des Moines. I am sure you will use your influence to interpret the position of our Home Board to everyone who speaks to you regarding it.

I realize the loving interest of the San Francisco in the Chinese work and hope that they will feel that it is just as much their work under the new regime as it was under the old.

With affectionate greetings,

Faithfully yours,

General Secretary

lhd/fmr

Copy 7

Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Catonsville, Maryland
July 2, 1922.

My dear Miss Fraser, I am enclosing you a letter which I started on Friday last which I was not mail that night because when I signed it, (after every one had left) it was so far from the one I started that I could not send it. Your telegram asking the request from the Synodical executive Committee was received on Saturday morning before the letter referred to was corrected so that I sent you a wire from the office but brought the letter home with me intending to write you by hand.

I consulted Miss Voss in regard to the question your telegram raised, but we decided that the decision reached by Mrs. Bennett and the Occidental Board lead better stand.

The letter received by Mrs. Bennett from them give no indication of anything but the most cordial ~~unwillingness~~ response to the suggestion of Mrs. Bell that it would be wise for the O. D. not to continue to hold its monthly meetings at "920" for the two reasons I spoke of in the typed letter. Just that we are hoping to move the work from that building into new quarters (that was only a considered imperative by the O. D.) and secondly because of the fact that the preparing of the lunch is a great strain on Miss Higgins and all of the workers and they are all really in need of relief - It is hard for Miss Cameron & Miss Higgins to make the adjustments to a new Board and the different method of procedure - Then all of us want to make things just as easy for the

workers as we can — we are a unit in that.

There was an interdenominational meeting of "Orientals on Sunday and if the different Boards will cooperate, as it is hoped they will, it will simplify our problem in San Francisco.

I have written at length in the hope of making you understand our viewpoint which I trust I have succeeded in doing.

I came home yesterday for the month of July and will be happy to hear

you write me here.

It is refreshing to surrounded by trees and the out-of-doors to say nothing of ones family.

With cordial greetings,

Faithfully yours

Lucy H. O.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

You certainly are a faithful friend - to write such a long letter while on your holiday - and we did appreciate it.

First let me say that my inspiration about Mrs Keck has amounted to - nothing but to turn my thoughts in the right direction.

For Mrs. Keck declares that it is not her job - that she will not take it and prefers not to be asked.

But it set her thinking and last week she told me that the end of the process had brought her to the conclusion that Mrs. Dennison would be the right person just now to take the chairman-ship of the local committee.

Dolly and I have conferred and

2 think so too.
You have probably met her.
She is a woman of strong personality - of great charm and ability - has the proper background; has become the Home for many years - has "a way" with men - they like her.
Indeed she has all the qualifications for a successful leader of this enterprise - if she can be persuaded to take it.
Dolly. Mrs. Keck - and I will have her to lunch this week and "put it up" to her.
There is a Mrs. Draper whom Mrs Keck wants on the committee who could be trained to succeed Mrs. Dennison - later;
After securing a woman chairman we will get the men.

3. Dr. von Mayo - new pastor of Calvary church pledged his help and that of Mr. McGregor - after seeing the Home on last Tuesday.

We want to change our name in the minds of people from Rescue Home to "Industrial Home and have a real school of arts and crafts - which can make our girls self supporting.

Its is a crying need. Dear Mrs - Bennett - and one which we must meet as soon as possible

I have written Miss Foss - and she will probably pass my letter on to you.

Now about myself.

My wedding day is to be the same as my mother's - October 4th

We will spend October here -
Every morning - and reach N.Y
by November 1st.
My main name - I beg his pardon
for omitting it - is Henry B. Hepburn -
Dutch ancestry - a member of
the Fort Washington Reformed Church -
a corporation attorney in New York.
He made no secret of the fact
that I'd like to transplant him
to this neighborhood. And he is
open minded about it.
He starts a month from last
Saturday and will have a week
to look the field over before the 4th
I shall see you soon after my
return home.
Affectionately.
Sept 4. Mary R. Foster
851 California St.

P. S.

I do, indeed, think it most wise that all appointments out here be confirmed from your office and the closest relationship with that office be kept.

M. R. T.

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July 14, 1922

Mrs. George A. Kennedy,
35 Santa Ana Avenue,
St. Francis Wood,
San Francisco, California

The plans for immediate changed in nine twenty Sacramento have had to be indefinitely postponed. Woman's Board will therefore be most glad to have Occidental District continue to hold monthly meetings there. Trust this message is not too late and you will be able to remain.

M. Katharine Bennett

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Sunday - 2:30.
Los Gatos. Californi -
7/16-1922

My dear friend -

On this quiet Sunday afternoon I sit on the piazza of my brother's home high up on the hills overlooking the Santa Clara valley - and write to you.

We arrived in San Francisco on Wednesday noon after an absence of ten months (nine and a half (really.) It seems as though I had never been away. So natural is it to slip into the old ways and take up the old interests once more.

Except of course, when I think of the great joy which has come to me - and the new center of interest - which for the present has become my first thought.

It was a wonderful clarifier to have your letter, my dear Mrs. Bennett. and helped so much to set me on the right path to happiness.

It was rather a bombshell which I let Dolly drop into the camp the day of my arrival. But everyone was so delighted over my plans - and the kindness of my man - it touched me very deeply to see how interested

2. they were. Dear Mrs. Keek literally cried for very joy. - Perhaps a bit too for homesick longing over the broken joy of her own home. for she and Mr. Keek had been so congenial in their married life 7 ten years

I told them that I would like to be married in October - on my mother's wedding day. (I am wearing her ring.) if I could see the Clinics work getting settled.

They all with one accord began to explain "We will see that it is done" - etc. You must have your wedding in October" my engagement

So will you please announce it for me in the office - and say that you are partly to blame - by being such an understanding friend and advising me so wisely (?)

Now for business -

First - I am very glad that Miss Vose sent the telegram to Mrs. Kennedy about the use of 920. So that is all straight.

Mrs. Keek and I had a long talk telling me I had had with Dolly.

We all feel the lack of leadership in this critical time of transference of the work from the Board to the other - and in the new building project.

3 The thought came to me suddenly and when I voiced it Dolly said it had been her thought too. and this is it.
If Mrs. Keck could be loaned by the Foreign Board for a year or two years. to supervise this transfer and this building project - it would save our Chinese work.

You know her unique position here. Her mother started the foreign work - and Evelyn Brown Keck inherits all her mother's friends and interests

She has been a Y.W.C.A. Secretary and knows their methods, their clientelle.

She has been synodically known for some time.

Business men know and respect her. She is a great favorite with Captain Dollar Mr. Thane and Mr. McGregor, etc. know her well.

More important still, perhaps is her knowledge of the Chinese - business men and others.

Her view point is two sided - she looks both ways. Her policies are broad.

As we think of this new school - and all its detail - the matter of getting money.

4 we here feel the need of a strong leader to suggest and guide.

Dolly cannot do it - It is not her work. and she is over burdened now.

I suggested the plan to Mrs. Keck - and she said she was not the one. But that means nothing.

We settled down to a good talk however. on method of procedure. and the telegram I sent you was my reaction from this talk.

She said - and I agree - that the same results cannot be secured from a local Board of Directors appointed after a project is started as before - with the responsibility of the whole thing before them. So she thinks the first thing should be to interview Captain Dollar - Mr. Thayer - Mr. McGregor and one other whose name I've forgotten - but who was suggested by Mr. Thayer. All but one of these men have been asked to serve under the Foreign Board.

There is a very fine woman - Mrs Draper who was chairman or president rather of the ~~Fed~~ Pacific Coast Field Committee of

of the National Y.W.C.A. but resigned because of the ill health of her husband. Her husband is better now. She is a dear friend of Mrs. Keet.

She thinks she would be a wonderful woman for the Board. Mrs. Keet will come up from Asilomar at any time where she is now attending Conferences and go to see Mrs Draper for us if you so desire. She is much interested in Russian work.

Dolly and I have an appointment with Dick Morgan for Tuesday. She has been away from town. We will give her our new ideas and let her start.

Meanwhile if the Local Board is appointed it should confer about architects and design plans etc.

One other phase of this work here which we should consider is the Chinese themselves. We both - we all suggest the desirability of having them represented on this Board. Mr Chew is an educational man. His wife is an old girl at the House - he would be fine - a friend should be a good business Chinese. It will help in many

6 ways - as you will readily see
Dear Mrs Bennett, when I say should
and ought, you are understanding, I
am sure - that I am only trying to
say for me what we think for the good
of our work. not dictate in any way.
Many of these suggestions may - I think
are - key to your methods of work. I
like kind - I mean among foreigners.
But this of course differs from any
other work which you have in that it has
been in existance for fifty years and has
a background and which must be studied
and a people - self respecting and indepen-
-ent who must be satisfied with our plans
Unless we do work with their approval
it may well be that our new oriental idea
will not secure the class of pupils we want
other than our own children.

As I read this letter over it seems a
bit as though I were writing a novice -
But you know the spirit in which I
write. I am sure I do not want
to do anything myself; I only want the
work to be cared for. - as you know.

7.

Miss Cameron is writing about a secretary whom she interviewed at Moody Institute. Her appointment would be a tremendous help just now - and is so necessary.

A fine helper has also been found for Miss Mills at Tooker who can come the middle of August -

I do not know with whom the power of appointment lies - I mean the selection. If Miss Cameron finds the kind she needs is she to report to Miss Voss and will Miss Voss engage them.

Miss Cameron has found no one in all her travels who compares with the young Chinaman in Portland - who had been two years in China -

This one would be for the head of the new school.

I suggested that she be asked to come to San Francisco and see the work - and get acquainted. We think a half fare ticket could be secured. Does this meet your approval.

18. I have suggested to the housekeeper at 920 that we make an inventory some day soon.-

And I shall soon hope to get the subscription books ready for the Chinese

It seems a long distance to try to do business and it will be long before answers come come - but I am here for ten weeks longer to be of service as you know.

With every kind wish -

Your friend -

Mary Tooker -

851 California St.
San Francisco.
Cal.
July. 16. 1922..

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July 19, 1922.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Woman's Board,
Building.

My dear Mrs. Bennett;

Following our conversation today: if the matter should come up interdenominationally, I would like to put on record what I said to you about the two plans proposed. My preference is

First, decidedly for the speedy union of all the work being done in San Francisco for the Chinese. If that cannot be obtained now, my next preference is for the immediate consolidation of the school and recreational work and the continuance of the churches as they are with the hope that an effective union may also be brought about among them.

The scheme to erect a building with compartments for the various denominations does not strike me as worthy of either the denominations themselvs or the necessities of the situation.

Very sincerely yours

John A. Marquis
M. C.

JAM:MEL.

July 25, 1922.

Mrs. Rawlin Cadwallader,
Veteran's Hospital 35,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mrs. Cadwallader:

I shall have to rish your "annoyance" because I do want to answer your very kind letter of July 8th. As you probably heard, it seemed imperative that I write Mrs. Kennedy that it would not be possible for the public meetings of the Occidental District to be held at "920". This was because plans were afoot to utilize the building for a Protestant Day School and we then hoped that the matter could be put through at once (I am sure I nned not say to you that as yet this matter is not known publicly). Later, however, it was found that the plan for the union Day School could not be carried through this year and our Board felt desirous of offering the use of the auditorium to the Occidental District. I do appreciate very fully your point of view in this matter and I know that we all realize that a change will have to be made later but I am sure you also see our point of view which is, that it seems most ungracious to turn out of the building those who secured the gifts that built it. We shall be most glad to have the Occidental District hold their meetings there until such a time as some adjustments are made relative to the building.

I would give a very great deal if I could go to San Francisco for some six weeks for there are many plans being mulled but it seems impossible to get most of them into shape so that they can be put over. Miss Voss will probably go out this fall but I do not think anyone else will. It is amazing when we all talk interdenominationalism so much how impossible it is to secure action when we try to do the things of which we have talked. The main outlines of a very wonderful program for the Chinese in San Francisco are in the air but they just do not move.

I hope you are not staying in St. Louis for the summer for I have remembrances of it as a very warm place.

With every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB/ES

Veteran's Hospital 35,
St. Louis, Mo.,

July 8, 1922.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

This is not an official letter at all, and I want you to know right now that I shall be very much annoyed if you even so much as go to the exertion of answering it, as I know your hands are too full already. Since you were good enough to mention the matter to me personally, I want you to know that I perfectly understand the necessity for moving public meetings from 920 Sacremento St., I will go even farther and say that ever since I have given the matter thought, I have felt that the combination of a Rescue Home and the Public Meeting Place was not wise. Miss Higgins called my attention to certain harmful effects and I once saw the force of her argument. But the custom was almost half a century old, and it seemed best not to act too hastily.

When the various executive meetings were moved from 920 I was ready to move the Public Meeting and so were many on the District Executive Committee. But there were others who felt the force of long custom keenly and Miss Cameron asked that the first Monday meetings be continued to be held there for a time. She and others in the house felt a distinct lonesome feeling when the Occidental Directors' Meeting, the Occidental District Executive, the Home Synodical Executive and the Presbyterian Orphanage Committee, all ceased to meet at 920. All of these met once a month, and some two and three times. Then the Literature Departments of both the Home and Foreign Boards were there, besides Mrs. Keck's office.

No doubt the whole household felt deserted. Some I know, were more than glad, but others had strong sentimental feelings, and it seemed to me the only thing was to continue the First Monday Meetings until transfer was made.

I had intended to ask you in Des Moines about the matter but those days were so full of problems that required immediate thought, that I refrained from asking about things that could wait.

Personally, I would be glad if you were the one to go to San Francisco, but I know husbands have sometimes to be considered.

There is room there for sane thinking. I regret that an Interdenominational program could not have been brought to pass, before more dollars were spent there. Surely the Protestant denominations will not be held guiltless in the matter of San Francisco China town.

With all good wishes for the best possible plans for this new work of your Board, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs Rawlins) Vidmia Cadwallader

July 26, 1922.

Mrs. George W. Coleman,
Sagamore Beach, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Coleman:

Verifying our conversation of last evening, I am most glad to comply with your request that I put into a letter my understanding of the situation relative to the proposed interdenominational work among the Chinese in San Francisco. I am particularly glad to make this statement to you because if there is any misunderstanding on my part or on that of any of the representatives of other denominations as to the position taken by those who have been present at our various meetings, this misunderstanding will be the more quickly cleared up if written statements are prepared. Language is a wonderful vehicle of thought but we do use it carelessly at times and the hearer does not always gain the impression that the speaker would wish.

It is perhaps unnecessary to go back so far as the conference on the Pacific Coast two years ago and the further conferences both on the coast and in New York prior to February of the present year. It is sufficient to say, I think, that from these conferences it became evident that there was unity of thought among workers as well as among Board people as to the need of some consolidation of the agencies at present working in San Francisco. My own experience in San Francisco in October and November of 1921 was similar to that which has been had by others who have talked with the workers among the Chinese there; that is, these latter have constantly said that if the Boards would reach definite decisions as to new plans for that work and instruct them as to these plans they would be saved the embarrassment that would come from an effort on their part to mature plans locally.

At this time there were in the minds of many of us some rather definite plans as to united school work and some more tentative plans as to social work. Any plan that changed the present status of the denominational churches had not been more than touched upon in my presence and it had been my own impression that most of the workers felt that if they could work together in the educational work for a time, other problems might later solve themselves.

While matters were in this condition, I was asked - and I think I am correct in saying on very short notice - to attend a luncheon conference at the Martha Washington Hotel, New York City on February 27, 1922 for the discussion of the Chinese work in San Francisco; the occasion of this luncheon was that Dr. Brookes and Mr. Rpundy were leaving for the Pacific Coast. It may be interesting to you to know who were present at this conference

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett
Mrs. Katherine S. Westfall
Dr. Charles A. Brooks
Dr. George L. Cady
Dr. A. E. Cory
Dr. Anthony
Mr. Roundy

After some discussion (I am quoting from the Minutes of said meeting):

"the following tentative plan was agreed upon in reference to the Chinese work of the various denominations in San Francisco. While there is no contemplation of the formation of a union church for the Chinese in San Francisco it is agreed that there should be cooperation among the denominations now working for Chinese in the city to the extent of a singbb building which should house the various denominational church groups for the purpose of their respective forms of worship and also for carrying out a copperative program in the fields of educat onal, recreational, and evangelistic work together with social activities.

It was further agreed that either in the same building or in a building nearby or adjoining, dormitory accommodations should be furnished with separate apartments for Chinese young men and women.

Dr. Brooks and Mr. Roundy were appointed to represent the group in the presentation of this tentative plan to the Oriental Missions Council in San Francisco, March 22, 1922 at 10 A.M."

The above may need some explanation. (1) I would call attention to the use in two places of the word "tentative"; (2) the phraseology at the beginning of the above quotation does not exactly express my understanding. It is said there that the "plan was agreed upon". I would phrase that "it was agreed that the following tentative plan should be presented to the Oriental Missions Council," as it was my understanding that it was their reaction that was desired; (3) I did not understand that this body which had been called together hastily had any power, it was not even the Oriental Committee of the Councils although all present were members of said Committee; (4) When I was personally asked as to the Presbyterian attitude, I said emphatically that all church work was under the Board of Home Missions and not under the Board which I represented and I could not speak for the attitude of that Board; (5) It was my understanding and I know the understanding of others who were present that the above plan proposed by Dr. Brooks contemplated the erection of a large building in which there would be a large auditorium for union evangelical services Sunday evenings or at other times if these were desired but that it also contemplated the having of small rooms or chapels in which the various denominational church groups would worship, simultaneously if they desired. I emphasize this point as I feel that it is perhaps one of the difficulties of our present situation.

According to agreement, Dr. Brooks and Mr. Roundy presented the above plan to a meeting of the Oriental Missions Council and I quote you in full the reply of that body as given in a statement sent out to those who had cooperated in the meeting of February 27th and I presume to others.

"Following the presentation of the above action by Dr. Brooks and Mr. Roundy at a well attended and representative meeting of the Oriental Missions Council in San Francisco on March 22, 1922 the Oriental Missions Council accepted in principle the above action, referred the details to special committees and on May 29 took the following tentative action. (It must be understood that the following is only tentative and is not presented as the unanimous or final judgment of the Oriental Missions Council): -

"Organization and Administration.

As soon as a number of major bodies operating in the district are ready to cooperate closely, in the Home Missions Council and locally, we recommend (1) that a local Board of Managers be formed, with one member from each participating body, and one additional representative for each $5,000 appropriated for current work beyond the first $2,000. (2) That the cooperating bodies form an Advisory Council, made up in part of business men and women, to which may be referred matters of interest

in which advice or aid is required. (3) That Chinese workers be increasingly given voice in the enterprise as their work becomes self-supporting. (4) That the local Board of Managers and Advisory Council be granted the largest possible amount of freedom in the use of budgets. (5) That a period of five years be the minimum time allowed for the enterprise and that all current expense appropriations continue during that period. (6) That reports be made according to requirements of each participating body and of value in the cooperating enterprise and to the Home Missions Council.

"Ecclesiastical and Religious Aspects.

Recognizing that many of the present Chinese churches have won the right of self-determination, we believe the participating bodies could go no farther than to suggest to the Chinese churches action on their own initiative in one of thmee directions: (1) to combine in a union church; (2) to form a federated church, preserving all the denominational relations of the constituent groups; (3) to continue present organizations in the spirit of cooperation until their own religious consciousness shall develop and demand a different method. The union church has not however approved itself in American communities, and if it were possible to bring all present Chinese churches into one and carry it on successfully, its success might demand a good deal of the racial isolation of the Chinese and discourage rather than develop Christian fellowship with American churches. A successful federation of so many denominational churches seems also to be hardly feasible.

We therefore recommend that the existing churches be continued if they have demonstrated real vitality, but that every encouragement of example and advice be given in the direction of closest cooperation.

Further, we insist that the school work, which has always proved an open door to the churches and Sunday Schools must under any cooperative plan maintain a strong and specific religious emphasis, and insist on regular attendance at one of the churches as a condition of instruction in mission schools. Other phases of cooperative work must not only be Christian in spirit and method, but must distinctly relate those reached to the organized Chinese churches.

"Educational Aspects.

We recommend that the participating bodies bring together all their schools day and night schools, kindergartens and Chinese language schools into a Union school which shall be a department of the proposed cooperative plan. The faculty which shall administer the work of the school shall be composed of persons appointed by the various participating bodies in consultation with the Board of Managers, and shall be under the general direction of this Board.

We recommend that as soon as may be deemed expedient, the work be housed in a centralized group of buildings in a strategic location for increased efficiency and for a stronger impression upon resident and visiting Chinese of the importance and permanency of the work of the united Protestant bodies."

You will note in this that the union building with chapels did not commend itself to this Council neither did the formation of a union church at this time present itself. I would like here to make clear by repetition my own position which is that (1) the agreement of February 27th was but tentative for presentation to the Oriental Missions Council; (2) that that Council having replied without distinct and full approval of that plan, any one taking part in the discussion of February 27th was at liberty to change his or her opinion; (3) that I had taken no definite position at the meeting of February 27th as I did not feel at liberty so to do.

So far as I know the matter rested as above until June 7th when members of the joint committee on Orientals met in the office of the Home Missions Council. Being disturbed by the fact that we were not moving in this Oriental situation, I moved at that time that the report of the Otiental Missions Council "be presented to a group

of responsible secretaries representing the Boards doing work among Chinese in San Francisco on June 28th or 29th. Persuant to that recommendation there gathered at the office of the Home Miss ons Council on June 29th the following:

Dr. George L. Cady	Mrs. Fred S. Bennett
Dr. John A. Marquis	Miss Edna R. Voss
Dr. Charles A. Brooks	Mrs. M. Leonard Woodruff
Dr. H. B. Johnson	Miss Florence E. Quinlan

Rodney W. Roundy

After the reading of the report from the Oriental Missions Council, statements by Dr. Cady and Dr. Brooks and by Dr. Johnson in behalf of the Orientals Missions Council and thorough discussion was had.

The discussion soon developed the fact of a wide divergence of thought. All were unanimous on the question of uniting all the school work of the Chinese; on uniting the social and recreational work and if possible uniting with the two Christian associations in boarding departments for young men and young women. The difference of opinion was relative to the evangelistical work. Here I can only express my understanding. It was that Dr. Brooks desired to accept at this time a full program which should include the erection and the building with various rooms for the differenct denominations as indicated at the meeting of February 27th and that he was not willing to enter into any plan which did not include this agreement relative to the evangelistic work. He wished it to be stated that a union or federated church was not under consideration.

Mrs. Woodruff and Dr. Johnson on the contrary, were not willing to vote for the one building with chapels but felt that it would be better to continue in the separate buildings as at present until such a time as a union or federated church would be possible. I speak of these members especially as they were the ones who took the most active part in the discussion. I gleaned, however, that the further thought as to a union building with separate rooms for denominational groups had not on further thought appeal strongly to those who were present at this meeting of June 29th. We finally seemed to have reached an impasse and in the hope of being able to propose a plan to which we could all agree, I moved the following:

1. Voted that it is the opinion of the representatives of boards at this meeting (1) that the different denominations united all their day and night schools in a building, or group of buildings; (2) that this building, or group of buildings, be secured in Chinatown where such schools can be housed and would recommend to the various cooperating Boards that they rent for school purposes the building at 920 Sacramento Street owned by the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. and (3) that a committee consisting of one representative from each cooperating board in conjunction with a similar committee on the field appointed by the Oriental Missions Council be constituted to study and carry out the program involved in these motions.
2. Voted that parallel to this educational work a united social and recreational program be provided by the boards cooperating in the school work along with the Young Women's Christian Association and Young Men's Christian Association and that similar committees as constituted in the previous motion along with representatives of the two Associations be appointed to work out the plans and policies involved.
3. Voted that it is the hope of this group as representing their several denominations that the day may not be far distant when closer cooperation in the evangelistic work may be secured, the steps by which this end shall be reached to be later determined upon.

I was obliged to leave to catch a train before the vote was taken on these but I understand that they were voted for by all present except Dr. Books. The Minutes of that meeting record:

> "Dr. Brooks was understood as voting against the above motions but is recorded as voting in favor of the above plans provided the last paragraph had been omitted and in its place the following action had been taken: "While this action does not propose the formation of a union church for the Chinese in San Francisco, it is agreed that there should be cooperation among the denominations now working for the Chinese in the city to the extent of providing a single building or buildings which should house the various denominational church groups for their respective forms of worship and also for carrying out a cooperative program in the fields of educational, recreational and evangelistic work together with social activities, and providing also dormitory accommodations with separate apartments for Chinese young men and women."

I find that I have in my file a note from Mr. Roundy under date of July 11th which says: "I am especially anxious to freshly point out that this action of February 27th is the action which, if it had been incorporated at the meeting of Board secretaries doing Chinese work in San Francisco held on June 29, 1922, would have made the action acceptable to Dr. Brooks." This is porbably intended to make Dr. Brook's position in this matter clear.

Dr. Marquis was not able to remain for the vote but I asked him before he sailed for Europe how he felt in this matter and under date of July 19th he wrote me that his preference is "for an immediate consolidation of the school and recreational work and the continuance of the churches as they are with the hope that an effective union may also be brought about among them."

The whole matter left me with the feeling that we were really at an impasse unless we could again come together and talk through this matter and reach some compromise that would make it possible for us to move. Having this matter deeply upon my heart I presented it to my own Executive Committee and with the following result:

> WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church has received the recommendations of the meeting "of Representatives of Boards doing Oriental Mission work on the Pacific Coast" which was held on June 29, 1922, to consider "cooperation in Christian activities among the Chinese in San Francisco", at which time there were present
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> Dr. George L. Cady — Mrs. Fred S. Bennett
> Dr. John A. Marquis — Miss Edna H. Voss
> Dr. Charles A. Brooks — Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff
> Dr. H. B. Johnson — Miss Florence E. Quinlan
> Rodney W. Roundy
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> WHEREAS the above group had been appointed at a meeting of the Joint Committee on Orientals held June 7, 1922, to consider the reply of the Oriental Missions Council which met in San Francisco on March 22, 1922, to the tentative recommendations of the Conference on Board Representatives held in New York on February 27, 1922, relative to work among Chinese in San Francisco, whereas this Committee had been instructed to formulate a program that should be referred to the various Boards for action, therefore be it RESOLVED:

1. That the Executive Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church desired to place itself on record as concurring in the feeling often expressed by the representatives of the participating bodies that the overlapping of Christian work among Orientals in San Francisco is neither efficient nor creditable to the participating bodies.
2. That recognizing all the difficulties in the way of such compromises as will be necessary to bring into existence a unified and acceptable program, the Executive Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions nevertheless urges that further conferences be held as soon as possible, at which there shall be present representatives of those denominations which are doing work among the Orientals in San Francisco, with a view to reconciling the various points of view and to securing unanimous recommendations that may be sent to the Boards participating in this work.
3. That these resolutions be sent to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Orientals, who is also Chairman of the Sub-Committee rendering the report of June 19, 1922, asking him to call the desired conference.
4. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Boards doing work among Orientals in San Francisco.

The matter rests there. I have not heard whether Dr. Gady will call the meeting for which we have asked but I do not think it could be done now before September. Meanwhile, if there be misunderstandings among us as to the attitude of individuals, let us clear these up as fully as may be. If I am not interpreting the position of Dr. Brooks on the one hand and of Mrs. Woodruff and Dr. Johnson on the other, I desire with deep earnestness to have my position clear. I know I am not alone in the interpretation but that does not prove that we are correct.

Meanwhile, my ardent desire is to move as regards educational, social and recreational work, leaving the matter of the churches to be taken up at a time that may seem right therefor.

With deep appreciation of your kind patience in listening and now in reading this lengthy statement, I am

Most cordially yours,

A M/BB

Aug. 1922

Miss Mary R. Tooker,
851 California Street,
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Tooker:-

I had no idea that a motor trip was so demanding of one's time. There seem no free hours. One rides, freshens herself, dines and drops into bed so healthily sleepy that her brain refuses to work. But now we have paused for a week in a beautiful spot in the White Mountains and I can write at least a few of the many letters that challenge attention.

Then your letter came suggesting that Mrs. Kock be borrowed to supervise the Chinese building program. I had a most delightful sensation - an instinctive feeling of relief and reliance. Of course, I immediately saw some embarrassments, but the advantages quite outweighed these. I think you have found the solution to the problem that was disturbing us greatly. We have not been able to see a way by which the program, so readily planned on paper, might be made un fait accompli. We knew that this should not fall on Miss Cameron, nor any of the overloaded workers, and we did know that someone must be found who could shoulder the responsibility, but we had searched our minds in vain for the right woman. We had gone over the members of the Oriental Committee - why we did not think of Mrs. Kock I cannot now see. Perhaps it took someone a little farther than we from Board machinery to propose so audacious a borrowing!

I have talked with Mrs. Dingman of this and she wrote Miss Voss and both feel that if Mrs. Kock could be loaned us by the Foreign Board it would be a wonderful solution of the present difficulties. Unfortunately there is no one available during this month to whom action can be referred - either in our Board or in the Foreign Board so that we have to wait until September to even make the effort to secure approval of such a plan. I feel sure that the Board will see the matter as do we, but I cannot at all prophesy the attitude of her own Board.

I am wondering if we should need all of her time or whether she could not give us half time and give the other half to the continued supervision of work for the Foreign Board. My one thought is that they might listen to a half time proposition when they wouldn't to one to relinquish all claim on Mrs. Keck - even for a limited period.

They are not sending me from "156" any information except such as needs action on my part, as they feel I should keep out of Board things as much as possible this month, so there are probably letters there giving the information to be needed soon after my return. The Committee on consolidation of Day Schools has been called for September 8th, and at that time I want to be prepared with approximate selling and renting prices for "920". It would seem to solve so many things if that building could be disposed of. Miss Voss wrote for these figures for me and I am sure someone has sent them to her.

Then I am anxious to know what Miss Morgan has done about plans. Miss Voss will be out there in the early winter or late fall, and I do hope that her time can be used to the best advantage in reaching final decisions and pushing things ahead.

I see this program so clearly that it is trying to have to wait. I try hard to be patient and not to plan too much on the turning of "900" into the new interdenominational school lest that fails. If it should succeed, I see beyond that the smaller home for the rescue work, perhaps the small fruit farm. This work challenges me daily!

How have you succeeded in the organization of the new Committee? It will be well for us to have their names and addresses and I am wondering if I should send the members a brief, official letter expressing the Board's appreciation of their co-operation. Tell me frankly if this is best please. From our point of view, it is desirable that all who are affiliated with any piece of work under the Board should recognize it as a background as individuals go but the agency remains. I would not intrude the Board unwisely, however, but it is simpler to have all know in the beginning that there is a body that has to vote on policies and plans. It often saves us later embarrassments. The question of placing Chinese on

the Committee appeals to me but I should feel that a decision in this matter would have to be a local one because of the feeling that exists on the Pacific Coast. I have met Mr. Chew and admire him much, believe his judgment would be good and his appreciation of racial viewpoints would certainly be helpful. I know too little of the social distinctions and of the divided affiliations among the Chinese to know how choice of people for the Board should be made. This matter we of "156" should have to leave entirely to those of you who are on the Coast, and I know we will most gladly abide by your decisions.

Before your letter came I had been wondering if scholarships for some of the girls in the new Oakland School could not be obtained from Chinese up and down the Coast - this to interest them and secure an even greater co-operation on their part.

I sent to the Field Work Department immediately on receipt of your letter a copy of that part that asked about the engagement of new workers, etc. and am sure that all of that information went to you promptly. I try not to complicate matters by writing of things that are distinctly office routine.

The weeks are hurrying by and you will, if my guess is correct, be returning East before long. Shall you have time for even one interview before the wedding day comes? After it we do know that, for a little, business must not intrude. We shall be anxious to see you and by that time I hope some of the problems of the East as well as some of the West will be solved.

With deep affection, I am,

Faithfully your friend,

Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts,
August 7, 1922.

My dear Dr. Brooke:

Your letter of the 2nd of August was duly received and I heartily appreciate your point of view in regard to letters which are confidential. It works both ways and increases one's confidence, when any increase is needed, in writing confidentially. Mrs. Bennett has come and gone and I did not in any way quote from your letter from [redacted]. His letter did color some things I said which I understood would be allowable.

I have delayed writing you in regard to the evening with Mrs. Bennett on July 28th in order to give you the fullest possible report which I am now attempting.

Mrs. Bennett and I talked until eleven o'clock the evening I was with her and she gave me at that time a complete outline of her understanding of the history of the question, going back of the conference at the Martha Washington and bringing the situation down to date. At the end of the evening, I asked her if she would put her outline in writing in the shape of a letter to me so that you might know at first hand, instead of at second hand through me, exactly how she understands all that has been said and done. I did this because I feel it is exceedingly important for us to use the summer days so far as possible in preparing the way for the conference which is called for September. I think much may be accomplished by clearing away confusion and misunderstanding, if that exists, before the attempt is made to take further steps. I am therefore enclosing to you the letter Mrs. Bennett wrote at my request. She gave me a second copy and this one is for you should you wish it for future reference. The change on the fourth page of the letter, in two lines, from " evangelistic " to " church " is made at Mrs. Bennett's request. The original wording was a slip on her part.

Now as to my talk with Mrs. Bennett, here, last Sunday. In the first place, Mrs. Bennett wishes us both to believe that her letter does not imply a spirit of criticism in the least degree but that she is only trying to make clear her own understanding of all that has been said and written, in the hope that it may help to clrify present misunderstandings and prepare the way for the September conference.

Mrs. Bennett's understanding of the position of Mrs. Woodruff is that they are willing to go ahead with the program outlined at the Martha Washington on all but the proposition relating to the church work; that is, they are not prepared to accept the proposition for a group of chapels in the large building but believe the church situation should remain as it is with the hope and belief that the way will in time lead toward a union or federated church.

Mrs. Bennett understands your position to be:

1. That the church question should from the beginning of a united effort present

a united physical aspect; hence, the plan for chapels.

2/ The chapels are necessary because the present church buildings must be sold in order to get the money for the large project.

3. That you believe the chapels are or will be one step toward a union church.

I give you Mrs. Bennett's understanding of your position in order that you my correct it if she is wrong.

Now as to my own position. At our conference at the prince George, I did not definitely understand your position in regard to the chapels. Mrs. westfall tells me that you did practically state your position in regard to them as Mrs. Bennett understands it to be. The idea was so new to me that I hope that, and not my density, was the reason why I did not understand that that point was a sine qua non with you. Had I so understood it, I would have been obliged then, as now, to differ from you regretfully but strongly.

I would be glad to see the whole project entered into at once cheerfully and heartily. I feel sure, however, that other denominations than our own or, rather, as well as our own, would not consent even to the thought of a union or federated church. That being so, I feel that the churches should remain as they are, for the present at least. To me, the plan for the chapels spells DISUNION rather than UNION and I believe the chapels would greatly hinder the growth of feeling and thought looking toward some form of union in church work.

It is needless to say that I still hope that some way of adjustment will be found whereby the first steps at least may be taken soon looking toward a real cooperation in the San Francisco field. I am enclosing an article from the latest number of the Congregationalist which is in some measure an echo of the letter from [redacted]. Mrs. Bennett has seen the article.

Both Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Westfall have expressed the wish that I might be present at the September conference but the date named by Mr. Moundy makes it impossible for me and I am sure that I shall not be needed in the least. It would be a pleasure to be there, were it possible.

Please give my hearty love to Mrs. Brooks. I am very glad that you are all so far away from the city and I hope you are laying up huge stores of strength for coming days.

with very sincere remembrances,

Alice B. Coleman

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Allendale, N. J. Aug. 11, 1922.

Mrs. Fred Smith Bennett,

149 Dwight Place,

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My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Thank you for your letter of August 5th, with copy of your letter to Mrs. Coleman. You have stated the situation fairly, and exactly as I understand it in regard to the Chinese work in San Francisco.

I have taken the liberty of having a copy of this letter made for my own use. Should you object to me having this copy please say so, and I will destroy it at once. I hope however that I will be permitted to keep it.

I am very glad to know that you and Mr. Bennett are having a motor trip this month. You certainly need all the rest and recreation you can have, for the Fall and Winter will bring heavy duties.

Very sincerely yours,

May L. Woodruff.

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August 16,1922

Mrs. George W. Coleman,
Sagamore Beach, Mass

My dear Mrs. Coleman:

I have read with care Mrs. Bennett's letter to you for the possession of which I am very grateful to you. It is an exceedingly clear and perfectly fair analysis of the situation and recitation of the facts. There is one omission which I am sure is unintentional but vital, viz., the pivotal point made by Mrs. Woodruff and Dr. Johnson as to <u>when and under what conditions</u> the entire project could be consummated, or when and under what conditions the Methodists would be ready to unite in the full program outlined as the goal of our endeavor.

This ultimatum of the Methodists was to the effect that when a union or federated Chinese church was formed they would agree to fully enter into the scheme as outlined.

This puts up the most difficult, if not impossible condition as the consideration which shall determine the Methodists' decision. It is thid Icannot bring myself to believe is possible. It is this which in the tentative report of the Oriental Workers Council, as stated on page three, paragraph under the heading,"ecclesiastical and religious aspects" that the Council say is most difficult if not impossible.

Now may I make one more effort to explain my position and try to clear up in your mind at least why I believe the original proposition which I was commissioned by the Martha Washington luncheon conference (including Mrs. Bennett) to present to the SanFrancisco group is feasible and really the only feasible plan.

1-The separate chapel bugbear has been greatly exaggerated. To put it more simply, it is a provision for any group to conduct a denominational service for the celebration of the ordinances (baptism) or a business meeting by themselves when desired. It does not involve in my thinking the building of separate ecclesiastical chapels set apart wholly for one group and useless for all other purposes. We have scores of such "chapels" in our churches across the country and in other buildings for religious and social purposes and simultaneous meetings are conducted in the same building without confusion.

2-The point of emphasis is not the separate chapel, but the united evangelistic service, prayer meetings, Bible classes, choral singing, etc., etc. The separate chapel is a compromise and concession to the facts and not the theories of the case.

3-Only by the constant practice of such united religious services could there be brought about anything approximating a union federated church. It could not be brought about on the outside by maintaining separate churches. Just why separate "chapels" inside one common building with all the other features united are more repugnant than separate churches scattered throughout the colony I am unable to comprehend.

4-The purchase or creation of property to house all the social and educational activities while leaving the present properties undisturbed means an increase in our investments in SanFrancisco which is impossible. We could not and I am sure others would not seriously consider such a thing.

Now my dear Mrs. Coleman I do not in the least object to your difference of opinion and I am not surprised that you did not take in all I said at our luncheon at the Prince George in view of your preoccupation and weariness. I am so much pleased with Mrs. Bennett's statement that I am having it duplicated and sent to the members of our Headquarters Council in order to get their reaction before the meeting set for September 8th. I regret you cannot be present at that meeting as I think you would add much and get much from it.

With very kindest regards in which Mrs. Brooks joins me I am

Faithfully yours,

Charles A. Brooks

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Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts,
August 19, 1922.

Mrs. Fred Smith Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.,

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

The enclosed letter from Dr. Brooks was received yesterday and I am sending it at once to you together with a copy of my letter to Dr. Brooks to which his is an answer. In view of Dr. Brooks' request to me, of which I told you when you were here, that I accept as confidential the letter he had shown me by mistake, I am blotting out the name of the writer from the copy of my letter. But I am quite sure you do not need to see the name but surmised who the writer was from the outset.

I think it is best for me to make no comments at this time but leave you entirely free to form your own judgment in regard to Dr. Brooks's statements. I will say, however, that his explanation of his own thought in regard to the " chapels" clears the subject for me and makes the project seem more feasible even if not wholly desirable. You will remember, I think, that the impression I tried to give you of the information which Dr. Brooks had received in confidence coincides entirely with the latter part of his first paragraph and his second paragraph. Rather, I should say that they point in the same direction.

The Headquarters Council up to which Dr. Brooks refers is made of the officers and heads of departments of the A. B. H. M. S.

With regards as always,

Sincerely yours,

Alice B. Coleman

STATEMENT

As to Steps that have been taken toward securing cooperation among Mission Boards doing work among Chinese in San Francisco.

Prepared September, 1922.

The overlapping in Protestant mission work among the Chinese in San Francisco "remained unnoticed until the meeting of the Home Missions Council in January, 1919, when the Committee on Orientals made its report.* It analyzed the facts and challenged the Home Mission Boards responsible for the condition to remedy the situation. The report was attacked and portions were stricken out. The Council was requested to call a conference of Oriental Missions and workers. As early as possible a large number convened, visited the missions and then met in San Francisco for action. Recommendations were made which were more drastic than the report of the Oriental Committee and were carried to the next meeting of the Council in January, 1920. These were adopted by the Council and passed on to the Boards. Little was accomplished--even a resolution condemning the addition of another costly mission by the Cumberland Presbyterians& was ignored. In the meantime, various secretaries of Boards carrying on this competitive work visited Chinatown and came back appalled at the competitive armaments (ecclesiastically speaking), of San Francisco community, which has received a larger amount of missionary money than any similar spot on the globe."**

*(See Annual Report Home Missions Council 1919-
Also 1920 pp. 137-8
" 1921 pp. 201-3

**(See Missionary Review of the World, August, 1922.)

In spite of the lack of definite action, however, it became evident that there was unity of thought among mission workers as well as among Board people as to the need of some consolidation of the agencies working in San Francisco.

There were suggested some rather definite plans as to united school work and some more tentative plans as to social work. Any plan that changed the present status of the denominational churches had not been more than touched upon and it had been the impression that most of the workers felt that if they could work together in the educational field for a time, other problems might later solve themselves.

While matters were in this condition a luncheon conference was held at the Martha Washington Hotel, New York City on February 27, 1922 for the discussion of the Chinese work in San Francisco; the occasion of this luncheon being that Dr. Brooks and Mr. Roundy (Baptist) and Mr. Roundy (Home Missions Council) were leaving for the Pacific Coast. There were present at this conference:

Mrs. Katherine S. Westfall (Baptist)
Miss Florence E. Quinlan (Council of Women for Home Missions)
Mrs. Fred S. Bennett (Presbyterian)
Dr. Charles A. Brooks (Baptist)
Dr. George L. Cady (Congregationalist)
Dr. A. E. Cory (Disciples of Christ)

(over)

Dr. A. W. Anthony(
Mr. R. W. Roundy (Home Missions Council

After some discussion

"the following tentative plan was agreed upon in reference to the Chinese work of the various denominations in San Francisco. While there is no contemplation of the formation of a union church for the Chinese in San Francisco it is agreed that there should be cooperation among the denominations now working for Chinese in the city to the extent of a single building which should house the various denominational church groups for the purpose of their respective forms of worship and also for carrying out a cooperative program in the fields of educational, recreational, and evangelistic work together with social activities.

It was further agreed that either in the same building or in a building nearby or adjoining, dormitory accommodations should be furnished with separate apartments for Chinese young men and women.

Dr. Brooks and Mr. Roundy were appointed to represent the group in the presentation of this tentative plan to the Oriental Missions Council in San Francisco, March 22, 1922 at 10 A. M." (From Minutes of above Conference.)

One who was present amplified above Minutes as follows:

"(1) I would call attention to the use in two places of the word "tentative"; (2) the phraseology at the beginning of the above quotation does not exactly express my understanding. It is said there that the "plan was agreed upon". I would phrase that "it was agreed that the following tentative plan should be presented to the Oriental Missions Council," as it was my understanding that it was their reaction that was desired; (3) I did not understand that this body which had been called together hastily had any power, it was not even the Oriental Committee of the Councils although all present were members of said Committee; (4) It was my understanding that the above plan contemplated the erection of a large building in which there would be an auditorium for union evangelistic services Sunday evenings or at other times and that it also contemplated the having of small rooms or chapels in which the various denominational church groups would worship, simultaneously if they desired. I emphasize this point as it is pertinent to the whole question of cooperation."

According to agreement, Dr. Brooks and Mr. Roundy presented the above plan to a meeting of the Oriental Missions Council(made up of mission workers among Chinese in San Francisco)which replied as follows:—

"Following the presentation of the above action by Dr. Brooks and Mr. Roundy at a well attended and representative meeting of the Oriental Missions Council in San Francisco on March 22, 1922 the Oriental Missions Council accepted in principle the above action, referred the details to special committees and on May 29 took the following tentative action. (It must be understood that the following is only tentative and is not presented as the unanimous or final judgment of the Oriental Missions Council):--

"Organization and Administration.
As soon as a number of major bodies operating in the district are ready to cooperate closely, in the Home Missions Council and locally, we recommend (1) that a local Board of Managers be formed, with one member from each participating body, and one additional representative for each $5,000 appropriated for current work beyond the first $2,000. (2) That the cooperating bodies form an Advisory Council, made up in part of business men and women, to which may be referred matters of interest, in which advice or aid is required. (3) That Chinese workers be increasingly given voice in the enterprise as their work becomes self-supporting. (4) That the local Board of Managers and Advisory Council be granted the largest possible amount of freedom in the use of budgets. (5) That a period of five years be the minimum time allowed for the enterprise and that all current expense appropriations continue during that period. (6) That reports be made according to requirements of each participating body and of value in the cooperating enterprise and to the Home Missions Council.

"Ecclesiastical and Religious Aspects.
Recognizing that many of the present Chinese churches have won the right of self-determination, we believe the participating bodies could go no farther than to suggest to the Chinese churches action on their own initiative in one of three directions: (1) to combine in a union church; (2) to form a federated church, preserving all the denominational relations of the constituent groups; (3) to continue present organizations in the spirit of cooperation until their own religious consciousness shall develop and demand a different method. The union church has not however approved itself in American communities, and if it were possible to bring all present Chinese churches into one and carry it on successfully, its success might demand a good deal of the racial isolation of the Chinese and discourage rather than develop Christian fellowship with American churches. A successful federation of so many denominational churches seems also to be hardly feasible.
We therefore recommend that the existing churches be continued if they have demonstrated real vitality, but that every encouragement of example and advice be given in the direction of the closest cooperation.
Further, we insist that the school work, which has always proved an open door to the churches and Sunday Schools must under any cooperative plan maintain a strong and specific religious emphasis, and insist on regular attendance at one of the churches as a condition of instruction in mission schools. Other phases of cooperative work must not only be Christian in spirit and method, but must distinctly relate those reached to the organized Chinese churches.

"Educational Aspects.
We recommend that the participating bodies bring together all their schools day and night schools, kindergartens and Chinese language schools into a Union school which shall be a department of the proposed cooperative plan. The faculty which shall administer the work of the school shall be composed of persons appointed by the various participating bodies in consultation with the Board of Managers, and shall be under the general direction of this Board.
We recommend that as soon as may be deemed expedient, the work be housed in a centralized group of buildings in a strategic location for increased efficiency and for a stronger impression upon resident and visiting Chinese of the importance and permanency of the work of the united Protestant bodies."

The matter rested as above until June 7, 1922 when the Joint Committee on Orientals met in the office of the Home Missions Council.

At this time motion was made that the above communication from the Oriental Missions Council "be presented to a meeting of responsible secretaries representing the Boards doing work among Chinese in San Francisco on June 28th or 29th." Pursuant to

It was also voted "that after this group had formulated a program it should be referred to the various Boards for action." Persuant to that recommendation there gathered at the office of the Home Missions Council on June 29th the following:

Dr. George L. Cady
Mrs. Fred S. Bennett, Presbyterian
Miss Edna R. Voss, "
Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff, Methodist Episcopal
Miss Florence E. Quinlan, Council of Women for Home Missions
Dr. George L. Cady, Congregational
Dr. John A. Marquis, Presbyterian
Dr. Charles A. Brooks, Baptist
Dr. H. B. Johnson, Methodist Episcopal
Rev. Rodney W. Roundy, Home Missions Council

After the reading of the report from the Oriental Missions Council, statements by Dr. Cady and Dr. Brooks, and by Dr. Johnson in behalf of the Oriental Missions Council thorough discussion was had.

The discussion soon developed the fact of some divergence of thought. All were unanimous on the question of uniting all the schools for the Chinese, on uniting the social and recreational work and if possible uniting with the two Christian Associations in boarding departments for young men and young women. The difference of opinion was relative to the evangelistic work. One group desired to accept at this time a full program which should include the erection of the building with various rooms for the different denominations as indicated at the meeting of February 27th and was not willing to enter into any plan which did not include this agreement relative to the evangelistic work. It was stated that a union or federated church was not under consideration.

Another group on the contrary, was not willing to vote for the one building with chapels but felt that it would be better to continue in the separate buildings as at present until such a time as a union or federated church would be possible.

The following motion was made and accepted by all but one present;

"1. Voted that it is the opinion of the representatives of boards at this meeting (a) that the different denominations should unite all their day and night schools in a building, or group of buildings; (b) that this building, or group of buildings should be secured in Chinatown (where such schools can be housed); (c) that a committee consisting of one representative from each cooperating board in conjunction with a similar committee on the field appointed by the Oriental Missions Council should be constituted to study and carry out the program involved in these motions.

2. Voted that parallel to this educational work a united social and recreational program should be provided by the boards co-operating in the school work with the Young Women's Christian Association and Young Men's Christian Association and that similar committees as constituted in the previous motion with representatives of the two Associations should be appointed to work out the plans and policies involved.
3. Voted that it is the hope of this group as representing their several denominations that the day may not be far distant when closer cooperation in the evangelistic work may be secured, the steps by which this end shall be reached to be later determined upon."

The Minutes of that meeting further record:

"Dr. Brooks was understood as voting against the above motions but is recorded as voting in favor of the above plans provided the last paragraph had been omitted and in its place the following action had been taken: "While this action does not propose the formation of a union church for the Chinese in San Francisco, it is agreed that there should be cooperation among the denominations now working for the Chinese in the city to the extent of providing a single building or buildings which should house the various denominational church groups for their respective forms of worship and also for carrying out a co-operative program in the fields of educational, recreational and evangelistic work together with social activities, and providing also dormitory accommodations with separate apartments for Chinese young men and women."

Under date of July 11th the Secretary of the Committee wrote the members thereof: "I am especially anxious to freshly point out that this action of February 27th is the action which, if it had been incorporated at the meeting of Board secretaries doing Chinese work in San Francisco held on June 29, 1922, would have made the action acceptable to Dr. Brooks."

The next step was the receipt by the Committee of the following action:

"WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church has received the recommendations of the meeting "of Representatives of Boards doing Oriental Mission work on the Pacific Coast" which was held on June 29, 1922, to consider "coopration in Christian activities among the Chinese in San Francisco", at which time there were present:

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,	Presbyterian
Miss Edna R. Voss,	"
Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff,	Methodist Episcopal
Miss Florence E. Quinlan,	Council of Women for Home Missions
Dr. George L. Cady,	Congregational
Dr. John A. Marquis,	Presbyterian
Dr. Charles A. Brooks	Baptist
Dr. H. B. Johnson,	Methodist Episcopal
Rev. Rodney W. Roundy,	Home Missions Council

"WWHEREAS the above group had been appointed at a meeting of the Joint Committee on Orientals held June 7, 1922, to consider the reply of the Oriental Missions Council which met in San Franciscom on March 22, 1922, to the tentative recommendations of the Conference on Board Representatives held in New York on February 27, 1922, relative to work among Chinese in San Francisco, whereas this Committee had been instructed to formulate a program that should be referred to the various Boards for action, therefore be it RESOLVED:

"1. That the Executive Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church desired to place itself on record as concurring in the feeling often expressed by the representatives of the participating bodies that the overlapping of Christian work among Orientals in San Francisco is neither efficient nor creditable to the participating bodies.
"2. That recognizing all the difficulties in the way of such compromises as will be necessary to bring into existence a unified and acceptable program, the Executive Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions nevertheless urges that further conferences be held as soon as possible, at which there shall bex present representatives of those denominations which are doing work among the Orientals in San Francisco, with a view to reconciling the various points of view and to securing unanimous recommendations that may be sent to the Boards partieipating in this work.
"3. That these resolutions be sent to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Orientals, who is also Chairman of the Sub-Committee rendering the report of June 29, 1922, asking him to call the desired conference.
"4. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Boards doing work among Orientals in San Francisco."

Pursuant to above request the Committee met on Sept. 8, 1922. There were present:

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,	Presbyterian
Miss Edna R. Voss,	"
Dr. John McDowell,	Presbyterian
Mrs. Katherine S. Westfall,	Baptist
Dr. Charles A. Brooks,	"
Dr. Grant K. Lewis,	Disciples of Christ
Rev. C. T. Bridgeman,	Protestant Episcopal
Florence E. Quinlan,	Council of Women for Home Missions
Dr. A. W. Anthony, (	Home Missions Council
Rev. Rodney W. Roundy,(	

At this time the following actions were unanimously passed which recommendations are sent to the Boards for their action:

"1. The action of the Conference of Board Secretaries on June 29th was reaffirmed in the following form:
It is recommended--
(a) That the different denominations unite their day and night schools in one building, or in a closely related group of buildings.

(b) That this building, or group of buildings, be suitably located in the midst of the Chinese community.

(c) That a Committee, consisting of one representative from each cooperating Board, and one member of the Oriental Missions Council from each cooperating denomination both chosen by the cooperating denominational Board, be organized to plan in detail and to carry out the program herein outlined."

"2. It is recommended that parallel to this educational work, a united social and recreational program be provided by the cooperating mission Boards, in cooperation with the Young Women's Christian Association and the Young Men's Christian Association, the details to be worked out by the committee provided above with the addition of a representative from each of the two Christian Associations.

"3. It is recommended that the building or group of buildings to be provided, be so arranged as to permit the Chinese churches of the cooperating denominations to meet in united services and evangelistic efforts; and also so as to provide for separate denominational services for those groups desiring to utilize this building for such purposes.

"4. It is further recommended that when four or more denominations, through their authoritative agencies, have approved the above plans, they be put into operation so far as these approving bodies are concerned, and that other denominations be invited to cooperate in as many phases of the above plan as each may determine that it can, the purpose of these recommendations being to secure as full and complete Christian cooperation as the several Boards may approve."

Copy

Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Sept. 4-1922

Dear Mrs. Woodruff: —

I am sorry to trouble you again about the Oriental matter but until we have all clear each what the plan means we shall not get this thing cleared up. Now I come to ask - Did you and Dr. Johnson say at the Conference of June 29th, in substance, that the Methodist would not go into any cooperative school plan until "a union or federated Chinese Church was formed"? That is, did you make the Entering into any partnership conditional on an immediate consolidation of school, recreational, social and church work? Did not so

understand your position but some did. I understood you were prepared to enter into school agreement at once letting these matters rest until later. Who is right?

Can you let me know at once!

Faithfully yours

M. K. O3.

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Allendale, N. J. Sept. 7, 1922.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

156 Fifth Ave.,

New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Your communication of September 4th has been received. It is a great source of regret to me that official business calls me to Cincinnati so that I cannot be present at the meeting of the Committee to-morrow to consider the Chinese Work in San Francisco.

I am glad to answer your question in regard to the attitude of Dr. Johnson and myself at the meeting on June 29th in order that we may not be misunderstood by any member of the Committee. Quoting your question _ " Did you, or Dr. Johnson, say at the conference of June 29th, or imply, that the Methodists would not go into a co-operative school plan until a Union, or Federated, Chinese Church was formed ?" Neither of us made such a statement. We stated that we were willing to co-operate in the matter of an Educational, Recreational, and Social Program, but did not believe that we should organize a Union, or Federated, Chinese Church at this time _ that, we felt, should be a matter for future consideration.

You were quite right in understanding that we are ready to enter into a school agreement as soon as the plans may be adopted by the Boards. I hope you understand our position.

Perhaps it will be well for me to go further and say that when your Woman's Board of Home Missions is ready to consider a re-adjustment

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of the Women's Work in San Francisco among the Chinese, that our Board will be glad to consider such changes as may be thought wise.

Hoping I have made myself clear in these matters, I am,

Very sincerely yours.

May Leonard Woodruff.

...L.W./B.

Minutes of Conference of Representatives
of Boards Doing Mission Work Among Chinese in
San Francisco, September 8, 1922 at 2.30 P.M.

A meeting of representatives of boards doing mission work among the Chinese in San Francisco, Cal. was held in the Office of the Home Missions Council, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York at 2.30 P.M. September 8, 1922.

Present -- Mrs. Fred B. Bennett and Miss Edna R. Voss (Woman's Board of Home Missions, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.), Dr. John McDowell (Board of Home Missions, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.), Mrs. Katherine D. Westfall (Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society), Dr. Charles A. Brooks (American Baptist Home Mission Society), Dr. Grant K. Lewis (United Christian Missionary Society), Rev. S. M. Bridgeman (Presiding Bishop and Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church), Florence E. Quinlan (Council of Women for Home Missions), Dr. A. W. Anthony and Rodney M. Hounsy (Home Missions Council).

Because of unavoidable engagements with their own Boards regrets were voiced for Mrs. Woodruff of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church by Mrs. Bennett and for Dr. Judy of the American Missionary Association by Dr. Anthony

Prayer was offered by Dr. Lewis.

Mrs. Bennett was made chairman of the meeting.

A letter containing a careful and comprehensive statement of previous conferences, and of votes taken at the conferences, prepared by Mrs. Bennett was read at the request of Dr. Brooks. Mrs. Bennett was asked to put this statement into form for circulation among those present and others directly interested.

Dr. Hounsy read a letter from Dr. Inman outlining action of the Oriental Missions Council taken at their August meeting, following receipt of Minutes of Conference of Board Secretaries of June 29.

Voted that the following night letter be sent to Dr. Shepherd, President of the Oriental Missions Council: -- "Please understand minutes of Conference June 29 on Union Work in San Francisco as informal information and await further authoritative advices after Boards and Committees have had an opportunity to consider the proposals and plans involved and please notify Oriental Missions Council and others concerned."

After extended consideration and discussion of plans for cooperation in Protestant activities among the Chinese in San Francisco the following votes were unanimously passed: --

1. The action of the Conference of Board Secretaries on June 29th was reaffirmed in the following form:

It is recommended: -

(a) That the different denominations unite their day and night schools in one building, or in a closely related group of buildings.

(b) That this building, or group of buildings, be suitably located in the midst of the Chinese community.

(c) That a Committee, consisting of one representative from each cooperating Board, and one member of the Oriental Missions Council from each cooperating denomination, both chosen by the cooperating denominational Board, be organized to plan in detail and to carry out the program herein outlined.

2. It is recommended that parallel to this educational work, a united social and recreational program be provided by the cooperating Mission Boards, in cooperation with the Young Women's Christian Association and the Young Men's Christian Association, the details to be worked out by the committee provided for above with the addition of a representative from each of the two Christian Associations.

3. It is recommended that the building or group of buildings to be provided, be so arranged as to permit the Chinese churches of the cooperating denominations to meet in united services and evangelistic efforts; and also so as to provide for separate denominational services for those groups desiring to utilize this building for such purposes.

4. It is further recommended that when four or more denominations, through their authoritative agencies, have approved the above plans, they be put into operation so far as these approving bodies are concerned, and that other denominations be invited to cooperate in as many phases of the above plans, ~~they be put into operation so far as these approving bodies are concerned, and that other denominations be invited to cooperate in as many phases of the above plans~~ as each may determine that it can, the purpose of these recommendations being to secure as full and complete Christian cooperation as the several Boards may approve.

VOTED that Mrs. Bennett, Dr. Anthony and Mr. Roundy be authorized to revise the wording of these votes, after which revision the votes be sent to each one present at the conference ~~hx~~ and to the secretaries of boards not represented at this conference but which are doing work among Chinese in San Francisco. When approval of the wording of above Resolutions shall have been received from those to whom they are sent, copies of these Minutes shall be sent to the several Boards interested with the request that action on same be taken at an early date and be reported to the secretary of this conference. Boards taking affirmative action on the recommendations above are asked to each appoint representatives on the committee provided for above.

RODNEY M. ROUNDY

Secretary.

September 18, 1922

Rev. Rodney W. Roundy,
Room #1119,
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr Roundy:

I am taking the liberty of keeping the copy of the Minutes of the Conference on Orientals held on September 8th, that you sent me, as I need these to guide my thinking. There is but one suggestion that I would like to make in them and that is that personally I do not believe that you, Dr/ Anthony and myself had the right to substitute for the original 1(c) as follows:
"That a Committee, consisting of one representative from each co-operating Board appointed by said Board, in conjunction with a similar committee on the field, appointed by the Oriental Missions Council, be organized to plan in detail, and to carry out, the program herein involved."
By my suggestion, which I find in the Minutes, we were only authorized to change wording and not the sense and that is why I offered mine as a substitute motion. If, however, everybody accepts this I assume that it can go to the Boards.

I would like to call attention to the fact that under "4" in the copy which I have there has been repitition of two lines so that it has made the phraseology very complicated. It may be that the members will discover the difficulty themselves. I trust that the members of the committee will let you hear from them very soon in order that we may move in this matter.

Believe me, that I am.

Very sincerely yours,

September 18, 1922.

Rev. Charles A. Brooks,
23 East 26th Street,
New York City

My dear Dr. Brooks:

I have been thinking much of our meeting of September 6th relative to the oriental situation and of Dr. Anthony's insistence that we were not a sub-committee of the Joint Committee on Orientals of the Home Missions Council, but that we were a conference of "secretaries and boards doing missionary work among orientals". If that be true should secretaries of either of the Home Mission Councils sit with us or should this be as is indicated, a conference of Board people only. I have not made this suggestion to others but am asking for your re-action on it. As if there are to be many more conferences the matter needs to be clarified. Personally I believe that the Councils have surveyed their purposed in a particular phase of work when they have gotten the Board people together for conference. Then to my mind it is perhaps best to leave that group to confer.

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Allendale, New Jersey.

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I am just beginning to stand on my feet a little, but am hoping that I can get into New York in the car on Thursday and Friday for the meeting of the Executive Committee meeting. Of course you realize, do you not, if I cannot get there the responsibility of presiding will be yours? Miss Quinlan will know the docket. I wish I could get a copy to you, but unfortunately it has not yet been made out in detail. I can be reached on the telephone any time as unless I can go to New York I shall be right here in my own house. Yesterday the doctor would give me no pledge that I might make this trip but I am anxious to do it as I feel that I may be holding up some items unless I do come. I trust that you are going to be there all day for both days.

With every cordial good wish.

Very sincerely yours,

September 18, 19[illegible]2

Mrs. George W. Coleman,
Sagamore Beach, Mass.

My dear Mrs Coleman:

Thank you for your letter of September 14th. I do feel that I have in some way been criminally responsible for allowing myself to be so physically incompacitated. It was just at a time when there was so much that needed my attention. The fact that I have to give up my Western trip is the least of my troubles, it is the responsibilities at "156" that are the things that are distressing me the most.

I am still hoping to get in on Thursday and Friday for the meeting of the Executive Committee. I do not think that it is perhaps the wisest thing to be done but this meeting is to my mind a real emergency and I am hoping that by driving from my own door directly to the building in New York and then by keeping very quiet there I may be able to manage it. If I am able to do this I shall see you I hope on the 22nd.

I am very glad that Mrs Morrow is going to serve for you on the 21st as I am most desirous of having as full an attendance as possible. Mrs Quinlan suggested that the Executive Committee might come out here but as there are no hotels where they could stay over night I feel sure that it would be an inexcusable request to make, simply that they might have me at the meeting. Of course if we had a good hotel that would house twenty-four or twenty-five women comfortably, I should not hesitate for we do go to Wallace Lodge and places like that.

I do not know how much you have yet heard of the meeting of the Oriental Committee and I do not know as there is much that I can add to the Minutes which will reach you pretty soon. The only difficulty has been with the part relating to the churches and I hope that we secured a compromise which will make the action possible for the approval of all the united agencies.

I have no doubt that Mrs Woodruff, or Dr Brooks has told you of the situation that was created at the very beginning of our meeting at the announcement that Mr Roundy had taken it upon himself to send to California the Minutes of our meeting of June 7th, which Minutes have not been approved by anyone. The repost of this action almost disrupted our meeting and I can assure you that I never worked harder for three hours than I did that day trying not only to keep myself steady, but to keep the committee meeting, at which I was presiding , also steady. This matter will come before

your Board at an early date and I not only sincerely, but prayerfully trust that you may be able to see your way clear to cooperate in united plans.

I am told in letters from California that there has been so much said that the situation is getting strained out there and both Americans and Chinese ask how long it will be before we shall be able to come to any conclusions. If we begin our plans this fall there will be no more than time to get an Interdenominational School running there next fall. We seem on the edge of a big piece of work. Let it not fail.

With my love and hopes of seeing you later in the week, I am

Faithfully yours,

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November 9, 1922

Mrs. Frederick Bennett
Womans' Board of Home Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

It was a very happy surprise this morning when I opened my mail to find a letter from you, and yet, the sight of it 'smote my heart' because I have been owing you a letter for so long, and, more than that, I have been longing these many weeks past to write you a personal letter of sympathy after hearing of your distressing accident.

When the word first reached me that you were laid ~~down~~ low with sprained ankles I told Ethel Higgins that I was expecting to write you immediately myself, and I knew that she would want to write a personal letter also; I hope she did, because I certainly would want some word of the very genuine sympathy we felt to reach you before this late date. Your very small feet and hands, dear Mrs. Bennett, have been a ~~very~~ vivid impression in my mind ever since those happy days, a year ago, when you moved about in our little world here in Chinatown of San Francisco, and somehow, it really hurt me, in a very keen personal sort of way, when I thought of these same feet, that had walked so many miles in our interest, being laid aside, incapacitated for further duty until healed.

I am so glad to hear, through Ellen Lauderbough, that you are almost well again. It must have been distressingly hard to be laid aside during these weeks when so many very important matters were being discussed in New York.

Mrs. Bennett I have heard from the office that the Board has appointed me as its Local Representative on the Committee for re-organization among the Chinese in San Francisco. I am very grateful to you for writing as you have done to make clearer to my mind just what the present situation, between the co-operating Boards now is, and what your own personal plans and desires are.

I know of no one, Mrs. Bennett, who seems better to have grasped the entire situation than you have done, after two weeks of close study, which you gave the Mission work in Chinatown, while

you were here. I shall be most grateful for any suggestions you have to make with regard to future plans,-whenever you have anything to communicate I shall be ready, at all times, to co-operate, as far as I am able.

It is a joy having Ellen with us for awhile, and I am hoping much to be able to follow her to Arizona, so that I may meet there with Miss Voss while Florence Tyler and Mrs. Lauderbough are in Tucson.

I have had no time 'to play' so far. Ellen accompanied me on a rescue trip this week. We were gone two days with Miss Wu, and brought home an interesting girl of fifteen who is in serious trouble. At this time I am trying to convince Ellen that she had better accompany us on another trip that looms in the near future, which will take us to Portland, Oregon. So you see we are getting in some visiting, though it is impossible to take any days off for real play while Miss Higgins is absent on her vacation.

The suggestion, at the end of your letter, intimating that you might consider us a "City of Refuge" and flee thither, makes me very happy indeed Mrs. Bennett. I do not know how serious you are, but, I am hoping, with all my heart, that you really may consider coming West again. There are such momentuous questions to be settled here we do need you dreadfully this Winter. I believe the present situation is critical, and if only someone with vision and determination could swing things now, the future of the entire Oriental Mission program would be more hopeful.

I have just had luncheon to-day with Ellen and Miss Hughes?! your former secretary. What a very dear girl she seems to be. We found that she has taken a position in a Down-town bank and is living, with her mother, at Piedmont.

Mrs. Bennett, I want to express to you my personal thanks at this time for the generous increase in my own, and my assistant's, salaries. It came as a most unexpected, and very acceptable, surprise, and, I am very sure it is to your generous interest in our work and in the workers, that we are indebted for this increase. It has been such a joy and inspiration to us all here in the Mission Home to know that the President of our new Board has so graciously received us into the circle of her friendship. I trust that we will all measure up to what your kind and loving heart expects of us. Truly, Mrs. Bennett, this department of our Chinese Mission work has never been more worth while, to my way of thinking, than it is this day, and I trust that the time is not far distant when it can all be administered in the most efficient way possible so that the actual results will be adequate to the opportunity God is giving us at this time.

With very warm love, and thanking you again, dear Mrs. Bennett, for your kind letter, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Donaldina Cameron

DC:CD Disgracefully full of errors but no time for sec. to rewrite

November 2, 1922.

Miss Donaldina Cameron,
920 Sacramento Avenue,
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Miss Cameron:-

I am sure that the office has sent you word that the Board has named you as its Local Representative on the proposed Committee to consider plans for the reorganization of the work among the Chinese in San Francisco, but I wanted to add a few words relative to this as I was the Board member who sat with the Committee in its many deliberations.

Let me ask you right here, to read the enclosed sheet, which is headed "Mission Work Among the Chinese in San Francisco". This paper was prepared at the last meeting of the Interdenominational Group, representing those Boards which are doing work among the Chinese. Unfortunately they were not all represented. I think there were no Methodists there, but the Baptists, the Disciples, the Episcopals, the Congregationalists and ourselves were present.

It has taken months for us to get to the point where we could reach this agreement, and this I am sure you understand is only tentative. We prepared this paper to go to the Boards for their consideration, and it must await the affirmative action by at least four Boards before the Committee provided for in it are able to begin function, but there is so much being said that I wanted to be sure that you are clear as to where we now stand. I do think that I am absolutely certain that all agreed on the three first. The difficulty has come in the adoption of three, and that paragraph is a compromise, a compromise that I hope will make it possible for all to come in. The difference in opinion lay in the fact that some wished that all church buildings be sold, and that all worship in the new building, but wanted their separate organizations. Others wished that all might go in as a Union Church, and still others felt that the present building must be retained, but realized that if they were it would be difficult to find funds for the new buildings that will be needed.

Number four is also a compromise to this extent that there were some that felt that unless all could go into this agreement, none should, as it would prejudice the interest of those who remained outside. It was therefore agreed that each Denomination should co-operate so far as it could, it being necessary in any kind of a joint plan, if four can agree, then the others may come in on the school work or any part of the program, even though they cannot go in all the way.

This of course is not as complete as I wish, but I am thankful after ten months of hard work to get this, and I am trying to insist that we shall secure co-operation on school work by next September. Of course our whole Denominational Program is held up somewhat by waiting for these decisions..Of course your Committee cannot do anything in this matter until you know the action of the Boards, but I am sending this that you may be posted as to how the matter

stands, and not be confused by the many rumors that I know are going about.

How I wish I were with you all today. Ellen and Florence are there I suppose, and I am so jealous to think of the good times you will all have, and I way off here in the East, but if I can get to the Coast this Winter at all, it must be at a time when I can help push this Interdenominational Program. I tell them that being both Denominational and Interdenominational officially, I can, when prosecuted in one city, flee to the other, so that I have a double leverage in this matter. I hope you do not mind my change of figure.

My very dearest love to you, and to those of your household, permanent and temporary.

Lovingly yours,

January 2, 1923.

Miss Donaldine Cameron,
920 Sacramento Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Miss Cameron:-

I do not know whether Miss Voss will have left San Francisco before a letter can reach you, but if she is there you will share his letter with her, please. I am, however, sending it to you as the one who will be in San Francisco permanently and whom it therefore quite definitely concerns. May I say that the matter which it contains is really for your own eye (and that of Miss Higgins). All I mean is that it is not yet public property, and the special part concerning the Methodist home is really very personal.

Last Friday the Interdenominational Committee on Orientals met and after it was definitely found that the Methodists, the Baptists, the Congregationalists and the Presbyterians were prepared to unite on a day school and for social and recreational work it was agreed that a Commission of one at least from each of these denominations should go to San Francisco in February to work with the local group there in an effort to decide on locations, buildings and detailed plans. I am sure this will have as keen an interest to you as to us, for while it does not so definitely touch your particular responsibilities, it nevertheless is in a way a beginning that must be made in trying to solve some of the other situations.

After the meeting was over Mrs. Woodruff remained to talk with me and it is this latter part that I especially want you to know, and yet I am sure you do realize that it is in a way not my information to give out. However, I feel that unless you have it there may come snags that it may not be so easy to solve as it will be if you know these things. Mrs. Woodruff began by saying that as the care of the Methodist home for girls in San Francisco was under a local committee they had never been able to handle this situation from Headquarters. When she and Miss Oram went to San Francisco she felt that changes in the plan of work were very necessary, but were powerless to move in the matter. They have now succeeded in having a change made in the method of administration, and that home has been or is to be taken out of the hands of the local committee. This means that the personnel can be changed, programs can be revised and it is hoped a whole new atmosphere can be developed. I am sure this must mean much in the work for girls in San Francisco. Mrs. Woodruff said to me very frankly that they wished to secure the very best type of woman that could be found to take charge of their home, and they wished to give to her a large measure of independence in developing the plans for that work. She mentioned one toward whom her thought and that of Miss Oram turned. She is now working with girls in Chinatown under the Y.W.C.A. Perhaps I should not mention a name any more definitely than that. Mrs. Woodruff then said that it was their hope that they could secure a worker of such a type and place their work on the right basis that there could be some definite agreement with us as to girls' work.

Because we both had engagements our conversation could not be so long as I had hoped, but I think that Mrs. Woodruff would like to see plans somewhatas

follows: (1) That all rescue work and work connected therewith should be handled by you.

(2) That all small girls who might come to them in any way should be turned over to our home and school in Oakland.

(3) That any small boys that should come to them should be turned over to the proposed home for boys, which let me say incidentally it was agreed the other day, upon the proposal of Dr. Brooks, should be begun as an interdenominational agency.

(4) That the Methodist home should be utilized for the employed girl and any groups of older girls who could not fit into your work or into Oakland.

I realize that this is a quite general outline, and yet as Mrs. Woodruff and Miss Oram are going to San Francisco early in February I felt that it was most important that you should know fully their attitude and their desire to put that work on a basis with which we can all agree, and that they now for the first time have power to do this. I realized that they could not talk to you quite as frankly as Mrs. Woodruff can to me and so felt that I must let you know this. They are going, let me say, to San Francisco quite independently of the Commission of which I spoke above, but they will no doubt remain for the meeting of the Commission. How I wish I were to be one of those to go to San Francisco. I am so keen about all of this that it just seems as if I could not stay out of it.

I must be off to a meeting to speak so have many things about which I would like to write you but must keep silent at this time.

I am, with deep affection to you and the members of your household,

Lovingly yours,

FSB-s.

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January 13, 1923.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, New Jersey.

My very dear Mrs. Bennett:

I really cannot tell you how very delighted I was to have your letter of January 2nd. The word it has brought to us about the plans which Mrs. Woodruff and Miss Oram have in mind with regard to the future conduct of the Methodist Home is one of the happiest things that could happen in connection with Protestant work for Chinese girls and women. It really seems too good to be true, Mrs. Bennett, that our hearts' deep desires seem about to be fulfilled. Miss Higgins and I almost shouted with joy when we read your letter and it lifted a great burden from our hearts because in our talks with Miss Voss about reorganization of our work and plans for the industrial work here in the Rescue Home, we kept constantly coming up against the unanswered problem of the business girl and working girl who must be provided with a safe Christian boarding home. As you so fully realized when you were here on the Coast, that particular problem has seemed to us one of the most difficult of solution, and small as it is numerically, has proved a large hindrance in the working out of all other plans for our particular branch of the mission work.

Of course I know the name of the woman whom Mrs. Woodruff and Miss Oram desire to place in charge of their work at the Methodist Home and with all my heart I endorse their choice. Personally it would be a joy to me to have that particular woman in that particular place on our united program. I have found her very comfortable to work with and near, always ready to cooperate and without any denominational bias, just eager to bring about the best results in our Chinese community.

I will guard sacredly this information which you have so graciously passed on to me, and I am very grateful for it because it will now be possible for me to think and plan so much more intelligently for our own work and for the future of our woking girls. I am sure that my friend and neighbor at the Y.W.C.A. will lend a very thoughtful ear to my pleading and I certainly shall talk to her most earnestly about agreeing to any suggestions which might be made to her with regard to a combination of general social service work for women and girls and a home for Chinese business girls. She has been discussing with me the serious outlook since having heard that the building where the Y.W.C.A. has been housed for the last six years is about to be sold. Since we have already many times discussed the possibility of having either one of the present girls' homes converted into a social center, I can bring the subject up very easily without intimating that I have had any late word from New York bearing on the subject, and by so doing perhaps I can pave the way for those who will follow with a more definite plan and proposition to her.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett

January 13, 1923.

Dear Mrs. Bennett, we just need you dreadfully to help launch this interdenominational program. Sincerely I am not flattering you; you must know that you have qualities of leadership and a vision granted to only a few. Would it not be possible for you to come next month when the Interdenominational Commission meet to decide on definite action~~s~~ with regard to the day schools, etc.? Miss Higgins and I both feel that it is most urgently to be desired that you come; in fact, I am a bit pessimistic about the outcome if you are not here. Then, too, since we have had Miss Voss with us and have gone into the plans for our own two homes more definitely and thoroughly, there are so many new angles which I would give anything to discuss with you and to get your opinion about. It seems almost cruel to be urging you to make such a long, wearisome trip, but you have put so much of yourself into this Chinese work already, Mrs. Bennett; I long to see the plans you and we believe to be for the best interests of all the Mission work go through.

This letter is a united appeal from Miss Higgins and me because we both feel that we need you very, very much. I am going to ask Miss Hughes to add a postscript to this letter telling how much she thinks we need you.

And then may I just take the liberty of adding my personal word to say how much I feel your presence would inspire me, dear Mrs. Bennett, and how I just long to have you near us as a personal friend for a little while. These are rather stressful days for everyone and I know of no more inspiring person than you.

The new year has begun very auspiciously with us. I am full of hope and courage for the future and very grateful to God for all that he has brought into our lives during the past year. Miss Voss has been a very great comfort and she has won the hearts of our Chinese girls and the entire staff in our Home. Please don't scold her for staying so long studying the Chinese problem! We just wouldn't let her go so she couldn't help herself!

With my sincere love, dear Mrs. Bennett, and the very best wishes of my heart for your own and Mr. Bennett's happiness during this new year, I am

Faithfully yours,

Donaldina Cameron

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P.S. Our dear Laura Hughes fell ill before this letter was typed - therefore delay - she is well again - and such a choice blessing to us all - we love her - D.C.

Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work
Witherspoon Building Philadelphia

John T. Faris, D.D., Editor
Rev. Park Hays Miller, Assistant Editor

Editorial Department,
Room 421.

February 13, 1923.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett, President
Presbyterian Woman's Board of Home Missions.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

On October 1, 1923, we plan to issue the first number of a new quarterly for young people, ages eighteen to twenty-four inclusive. The quarterly will be in two editions, one for the users of the Uniform Lessons, the other for those who prefer the Graded Lessons. In both editions we plan to have eight pages of preliminary suggestions as to work with and for young people, as well as articles of inspiration.

We think it would be a fine thing if there could be in the first number, and regularly thereafter, a page prepared for the young people by our missionary agencies. The articles on this page -- which could never be more than 400 words long -- should give not only information, but, at times, suggestions as to expressional activities.

The articles should alternate between home and foreign missions. How do you think the articles should be prepared? Would you like to take the matter in hand, or pass it on, for the Woman's Board of Home Missions? Or would you prefer to have the work handled by the New Era Department of Missionary Education?

I am writing also to Miss Hodge of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, concerning the proposed plan.

Any copy for use in the October issue should be in hand by March 1, 1923.

Yours cordially,

John T. Faris

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Feb. 21
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February 15th, 1923.

Miss Donaldina Cameron,
920 Sacramento Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Miss Cameron:-

Long before this letter can reach you and indeed already you know that I have had to give up my trip to San Francisco and "Tarry by the stuff" here in New York. It has not been an easy decision to make and it has only been made because of the unanimous feeling of the Board officers that I should not be away at this time when serious questions relative to reorganization are constantly coming up, questions that can hardly be dealt with by the officers, especially those who are salaried, but which must come to the President of the Board.

I had so long looked forward to another visit with you, and to being present when the plans for reorganization of the Oriental work were being worked out, that it has been a keen disappointment that it is given up. I saw very clearly however that the reorganization of the whole Board must take precedence over the reorganization of one particular field. If they just hadn't both come at the same time.

As Miss Voss has told you we have thought and talked Oriental work and we do believe that in spite of all difficulties, it should be possible to make a very definite beginning on consolidation of some of the work.

I do not believe that I need to write of these matters in detail as Miss Voss is there and she knows our feeling here. Please let me assure you, although I am sure that no such assurance is needed that my desire to be with you is a definitely personal one because of my affection for all of you and my keen interest in the work and not at all because I feel that

I am needed. So far as Presbyterian representation is concerned, Miss Voss will meet all the requirements of the situation I am sure.

The more I write the more I find I want to be with you, in the midst of it all. If you feel that I am not playing the game fairly, do please recall that I am really not having such a lot of fun trying to hold our giving constituency steady and to keep the from swollowing us whole. Of course if they do I am afraid that their digestion will suffer but they dont know that, so we have to stay on the job all the time.

Already since Miss Voss's departure a matter has come up, which shows that the decision that I should stay here was the right one.

I am so glad that Laura is such a comfort to you. I knew she would be. Please tell her I am going to write her before long.

With most loving good wishes to you and to your household, I am,

Most cordially yours,

MKB/L

February 17th, 1923.

Rev. John T. Faris, D.D.,
Presbyterian Board of Publication
and Sabbath School Work,
Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Faris:-

Your letter of February 13th, suggesting that Home Mission information should be prepared for a new quarterly for young people, is at hand.

Miss Hodge and I have talked the matter over, as it would seem to be necessary for us to have a definite agreement on times and methods, and we have decided to refer the responsibility for this work to our respective Young People's Departments. So soon as the secretaries of those have conferred, you will hear as to the definite plans. Meanwhile I can assure you that copy for the October issue will be in your hands by March first.

With much appreciation of this opportunity to present missions to these young people through the quarterly, I am,

Most cordially yours,

MKB/L

Presbyterian Chinese Mission Home

920 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, California

Conducted by the

Woman's Board of Home Missions

of the

Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

Donaldina Cameron, Superintendent
Tien Fuh Wu, Associate Superintendent

Ethel V. Higgins, Associate Supt.

June 16, 1923.

Mrs. Fred Smith Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, New Jersey.

My very dear Mrs. Bennett,

It is rather nice that your friend and my very dear young helper Laura Haines is the intermediary through which my thoughts can get across to you, Mrs. Bennett.

It was very dear of you to send me that choice picture of our Tien. We all think it is the very best picture we have ever had of her, just her own substantial, comfortable, wholesome self, standing there, I take it, by the steps of the Church in which she spoke during the meetings of General Assembly. I was more glad than I can express, Mrs. Bennett, that Miss Wu was privileged to attend these meetings and be a part of the things that were done at General Assembly in connection with our Home Mission Board. I am quite sure that it will give her a new vision of the importance of her own part in the whole program of Missions. She has written with enthusiasm of the warm reception she was given and the great personal kindnesses shown her by you, Miss Dawson and other members of our Board and since Tien went to New York we have had such happy letters from her, telling of her good times in the offices at "156" and the happy, happy visits she has had with you, Mrs. Heylman and Mrs. Loulerbough. It was hard to spare my good right hand at this time when our Miss Higgins had to be laid aside, but all the remaining members of our staff at "920" have stood by us so very faithfully that we have seemed to get along better than I had expected we would with our two efficient helpers out of the running. Tien needed the rest so very, very much and she would not have taken it under ordinary circumstances and it was only the necessity of having someone to present our work in Indianapolis that made it possible for me to persuade her to go away just at this time.

I was very glad, Mrs. Bennett, to have my copy of your circular letter of May 12th. So very often the title of your leaflet sent out some months ago comes to me as a challenge. It is a time when everyone of us must try to hold ourselves steadily to our task, whatever and wherever it may be, asking for faith to be sure that all the changes that are coming to pass in our Presbyterian organization these days will work out for the ultimate glory of God. A recent note from Miss Voss tells us that the Methodist Conference endorsed plans for uniting the Presbyterian and Methodist home and school work for girls in Oakland. I am heartily glad that we are moving along in the direction of denominational union for I am quite sure that must be the ultimate goal if we are to accomplish all that is waiting for the Church of God to do among Orientals on the Pacific Coast.

Mrs. F. T. Bennett June 16, 1923.

I have just been telling Miss Voss that the need for a new and adequate home in Oakland is increasing every month. I trust with all my heart that building may be begun within the next few months; I am so afraid of losing the offer of $1000.00 from our friend Mr. Winn of Kansas City, and other gifts which might be ours if we actually commenced building.

We have very happy plans on foot for the summer. Thirty of our girls are to work in the fruit again and friends in Pasadena have given us the use of a cottage at Mt. Hermon near Santa Cruz where summer conferences are held, so that we will be able to get most of our girls and children out of town during the vacation weeks. Large apartment houses are going up all around us here in San Francisco; a six story one on the corner of Joyce and Sacramento will shut out hours of sunshine that we used to enjoy every afternoon, so we will have to plan definitely to get our girls away every summer into the open air.

I am wondering, dear Mrs. Bennett, if there is any remote hope that your steps may turn toward the Pacific Coast again this year. Each and every one of us longs so much to see you again. I hear so many dear things about Mr. Bennett - I wish you could persuade him to come to California with you. Please accept my sincere love, and thanking you again for Tien's picture, believe me

Sincerely yours,
Donaldina Cameron

DC.LEM

P.S. And now comes your very dear letter this Monday morning and I must add another well message of personal love and the assurance that we know all possible effort is being put forth to bring to fruition our hopes and plans for a bigger better program for Chinese work on the Pacific Coast. Charles Shepherd has just returned from the East and we are glad to have the latest news by word of mouth from him. We keep open house today and three girls finish school here at and three 1920 - True love from me to thee Donaldina -

meh/m

THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge, *President*
Mrs. Charles K. Roys, *General Secretary*
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July 2nd, 1923.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

The Woman's Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions at its meeting on June 4th appointed a Committee on Conference to work with a similar Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The members of our Committee are, Mrs. Finley, Mrs. Fleming and Miss Rea, the final size of the Committee to be decided in consultation with the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

To this Committee were referred the following Findings of the Conference of Women District Secretaries held at Indianapolis, May, 1923:

1. Honorary and Life Membership.

It is recommended that the whole question of honorary and life membership be referred to the proper Board committee with the request that the matter be taken up in conference with the Woman's Board of Home Missions in order that we may have a uniform name and policy, that as soon as feasible a joint leaflet be printed for the promotion of such memberships.

2. Woman's Associations

It is recommended that the Woman's Committee of the Board be asked to send recommendations to the District Secretaries in regard to the formation of Woman's Associations or Circles and that if the Committee approves the plan an explanatory leaflet be provided and plans for development be inaugurated.

3. New Handbook

It is recommended that as soon as possible a new Handbook be prepared covering the general plan of our organization and clearly defining the duties of synodical and presbyterial officers, that the sections of the Handbook dealing with the functions of the departmental secretaries shall also be printed separately for special use of all departmental secretaries.

Already being done by Mrs. Williams -

Sincerely yours,

Margaret E. Hodge
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CONFERENCE

Miss Hodge - - Mrs. Bennett

July 10, 1923

I. It was agreed that in the early fall we should send a joint letter to Dr. Mudge as Clerk of General Council asking whether two women representing the women's committee of the two Boards of Missions might be added as coopted members, with or without vote, to General Council - copies of this letter to be sent to Dr. Speer and Dr. Marquis for their information.

II. Miss Hodge brought word that it was the desire of the Board of Foreign Missions that the Year Book of Prayer should not be issued until late in November of each year in order that it might be as correct as possible. It was agreed that the book had probably progressed too far this year to make this change, but that it was hoped that the matter be decided for another year - decision to be left to the staffs of the two Boards. It was further decided that the imprint of the book for the present year should be decided by the two staffs.

III. Hand Book. It is understood that Mrs. Williams of the North Pacific District is revising the Hand Book. Miss Hodge suggested that a new constitution for synodical societies should be prepared for this Hand Book, said constitution to defend the woman's organizations and so their relationship as auxiliary to the Woman's Departments of the Boards. She further suggested that each synodical society should be asked this fall to adopt this new constitution.

IV. Miss Hodge reported that the question of the continuance of Honorary and Life Memberships was in the hands of Mr. Steiger of the Board of Foreign Missions. To him had been given a copy of Mr. Marvin's letter and Miss Hodge felt that he would agree that these should be continued. She is report later on this matter.

Mrs. Bennett took up with Miss Hodge the question of the proposed joint leaflet to be used for the promotion of these memberships, raising the question as to whether this leaflet should be joint in view of the fact that it is really asking for money. Miss Hodge replied: that they had in mind a leaflet which would emphasize the prayer and not the money and should simply give the plan relative to these memberships. She emphasized the fact of how much more the Woman's Board of Home Missions had done than the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in this line and how much more successful our prayer service in this respect was carried out.

V. Miss Hodge emphasized that Mrs. Silverthorne is preparing for the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions a leaflet on "Woman's Associations in the Local Church", emphasing the place of missions in such an association. Miss Hodge and Mrs. Bennett both felt that this matter should have much careful thought.

VI. Miss Hodge said that the Candidate Department of the Board of Foreign Missions wishes that they might have an officer who would be at liberty to visit colleges - his itineraries to be planned through the joint recruiting department of the three Boards - This man is to be Mr. Wisham of Persia. Miss

Miss Hodge, when the question was raised, did not know whether this one was the additional man or the same one referred to in the plan drawn up by the Joint Committee on Recruiting.

VII. Miss Hodge said that she had written to Miss Purves that we had agreed that Student Committee should secure an officer in the place of Miss Clark, resigned. Miss Hodge further said that the Board of Foreign Missions was willing to take Miss Lewis, if we so desired, as their representative in the new plans.

VIII. The question of the magazines and the postponement of any decisions was touched upon, Miss Hodge expressing herself as appreciative of the action of the Woman's Board in not taking the matter up further in the absence of their members.

August 22, 1923

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
Monhegan Island,
Maine

My dear Miss Hodge:-

I am very sorry that your letter of August third has been unanswered for so long. I did not get back from Maine until the second week of the month and when I did come in, it was to find a very large accumulation of material awaiting my attention.

Replying to your statement as to the part of her time that Miss Sheibley gives to the New Era, we have roughly estimated this to be one third of her full time and on that basis, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions has been paying for one half of one third of her time or really one sixth of her full time. I think that the books of your treasury will verify this statement. As I have said before it will be most satisfactory to the Woman's Board of Home Missions to have this arrangement cancelled at any time that your Board feels that this is desirable. I am sure you will understand that we would rather leave the initiative in this matter to you than to ask that such an arrangement should be closed.

I do not mean the above to be interpreted that we desire to close the arrangement, but simply that we are willing. I have received from Mrs. Radcliffe a copy of her resolution presented at Indianapolis relative to the editors of our magazines. She says she is sending it to me at your request, and I am just wondering what you wish me to do with it. Shall I see that it goes to the editors or is it just that my Board should have a copy of it?

There are two or three matters that will need attention immediately after your return to New York, assuming that such return will be soon after Labor Day. The first is, the preparation and sending of the joint letter to the clerk of General Council asking whether two women might not sit with that body as cooperative members representing the interests of the women's organizations. You will recall that we agreed that such a lettersshould be sent. I am told that General Council will meet in September, if so we certainly should have this letter in Dr. Mudge's hands so that it might be presented at the fall meeting.

I assume that the question of life and honorary memberships should be definitely settled at an early date and if any final decision is made by your Board I shall be very glad to know about it. I am also holding in mind the remembrance of the leaflet to be prepared by Mrs. Silverthorn on woman's associations in the church. I remember that this is being prepared for the Federation, but I assume that that body will not publish it until it has been approved by some of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and I am trusting that you are going to keep very carefully in touch with this for such a leaflet will have large value and will be followed by many churches. Personally, I believe in the Woman's association with the missionary part of the work carefully guarded.

Then, of course, there still remains for us the whole question of the magazine, a matter which is giving me very great concern, in view of the fact that we have announced that the joint magazine will appear on January first. I do not know

whether I am foolishly sensitive of the matter, but I am most desirous to my position relative to an editor shall not be misunderstood. I was in full agreement with the plan that none of the former force should be retained, and could the ideal person or even one approximately ideal be secured I should think it would be better to call a new worker but as a business proposition I cannot see the wisdom of letting go of experienced women to replace them with those who are absolutely inexperienced. I believe I am thoroughly honest in my thinking when I say that this decision would be the same if either editor or both were available. I assume that Mrs. Bronson is out of the question as she says that she could only give part time. As our committee was clear that it needed one full time worker, if not two, I cannot assume that we would consider a part time woman especially one who has not published as good a magazine as either of ours. I have not had a moment of time this summer to consider a possible editor and I have not heard anything from the sub-committee on an editor so I do not know where we stand. It is a matter of regret to me that I seem to be standing in the way of a decision, but I do wish to assure you that it is only because I cannot feel that the committee has presented to us any name that should be considered.

I have had a letter from Mr. Williamson saying that he had been in New York, and had tried to see both of us. He seems most anxious to come east again and I am writing him that until September I know it will be impossible for him to talk with either of us.

I trust the vacation is being very satisfactory, and I am

Faithfully yours,

President

b/k

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OFFICE OF ~~SECRETARY~~
Vice-president

Tribler Cottages,
Monhegan, Me.
Aug. 25, 1923.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.;

My dear Mrs. Bennett,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst, and did not at all object to not hear from you sooner!

Thank you for what you say about Miss Sheibley, we will pass a resolution at our first meeting in Sep. and send it to you immediately. We are truly grateful for your and her generosity in the whole New Era matter.

I wrote reminding Mrs. Radcliffe of that resolution about the two editors and suggesting that she send it you as I would be away. My idea was that it should be sent to the two editors as soo as received. I hope you will not mind attending to it.

I agree with you that we should send the letter to the clerk of General Council asking that there be two women appointed to sit with it as co-operative or co-opted members representing the interests of the women's organizations. I think it important to send this as early as possible in view of the action taken at its last meeting about the Districts when no women were present and of ~~this~~ further action at that time in regard to one budget for the churches, including that of the women with the general church budget. I have not the minutes with me and can not quote accurately. Dr Foulkes has assured Miss Schultz that of course the women will be asked to attend when that is considered, but I think our plan is a more dignified one. Of course we knew through our representative from the Foreign Board that the question of Districts was to be considered at the July meeting of the Council and our arguments were presented ably, but a woman sees a thing differently from the best of men. Moreover there is a strong feeling of, shall I say rebellion? among many of the constituency that the women are unfairly treated and if we should have some such representation as this it would help to allay it.

Miss Schultz is back in the office and can tell you of the progress made about Life and Honorary Members. We hope to pass a satisfactory resolution at our meeting of Sep. 17th. She will also tell you about Mrs. Silverthorn's leaflet. I believe that we should present the woman's association as one form of organization, provided the missionary interest is carefully guarded, but that we should also present our own missionary society.

I too am much concerned about the union of the magazines and am in the same state of ignorance about the sub-committee, but doubt whether it has done anything during the summer. I do not think that anyone can doubt your sincerity in the course that you proposed, and you are no more to blame for the delay than I for if I had not opposed your proposition (and I am sure that you do not believe I did it because of personal prejudice) it might have gone through. But I think the committee should meet at the earliest possible date. I do not know when the members will be home. I expect to be back the 11th and to leave for Synodicals, etc. Sep.

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22nd. Miss Schultz can give you my schedule and make engagements for me.

I was at Christmas Cove yesterday and had a glimpse of Mrs. Louderbough and of her house with its lovely view, but did not even mention Board. I am sorry to know that you were away for so short a time and fear you have had little rest since your return.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

September 5, 1923.

The General Council of
The General Assembly of
The Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.
Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, D.D., Sec'y.
Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia

Seymour

Dear Dr. Mudge:-

As the General Council was by order of Assembly to be made up of "ministers and elders" the Woman's Boards of Missions recognized that there could not be in its membership women who should represent the interests formerly carried by these two Boards and now vested in the new Board of Foreign Missions and in the Board of National Missions. It is also recognized that these Boards are most ably and adequately represented in the General Council by Secretaries who will have the care of all the work now merged into those Boards.

Nevertheless we can not but take cognizance of the fact that so long as women's missionary societies do exist and are encouraged to continue their work, they do in a measure constitute in the church a "peculiar people"; they provide an annual amount for the benevolences of the church which constitutes about one-fourth of the total church benevolences while at the same time the women are bearing through church offerings their full share for the remaining three-fourths of the annual offerings.

The general Boards find their source of supply - the church through its offerings - ready to hand and need only to stimulate and educate. The Woman's Boards on the contrary have had to create the very source of supply, and must all the time be busy about this phase of the task as well as the promotion of interest and the raising of funds.

It is for this reason that we feel that this phase of the whole task of the church needs to be guarded carefully and needs a more detailed care than does the usual

work. We say with due humility that only those technically connected with the work of the women's societies can be quite sure what matters will affect their work, the point of view that will reach them and the best way to coordinate their plans with those of the whole church.

Feeling thus we are emboldened to ask the General Council whether it would be possible or from its standpoint, desirable to add to itself two women as co-opted members without vote and with the privilege of the floor only when matters that would touch the woman's organization were under discussion, one representing the Foreign Mission interests, the other representing the National Missions ? All matters relating to budgets, districts, promotion, etc. vitally concern the missionary society and it would be of inestimable advantage if those who must stimulate and guide these societies could hear discussions and decisions at first hand.

It has been noted that the General Council has co-opted men for service on its committee on districts. It was hoped that the precedent thus established might be carried far enough to include women on the General Council as co-opted members.

With appreciation of such consideration as you may give to this request, we are,

Very truly yours,

President

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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HOME BASE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES
REV. WILLIAM P. SCHELL, D. D.
MISS GERTRUDE SCHULTZ

September 6, 1923.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett
149 Dwight Place
Englewood, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

This is a very tardy answer to confirm our conversation of last week and to report to you that the Foreign Board expects to take action at its meeting on September 17, authorizing the continuance of our plan of honorary and life memberships.

The resolution which has been drawn up has been approved by the President of our Board and by the legal adviser. Therefore it seems almost sure that the matter will go through without a question.

We are making all our plans for the continuance of this membership and should be very glad to cooperate with your Board in getting out a leaflet, either to be issued jointly or to be issued separately but conforming to the same plan, so that there may be no confusion in the minds of the women as to the plans and policies of the two Boards in regard to these memberships.

Faithfully yours,

Gertrude Schell

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B'd of National Missions

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WOMAN'S COMMITTEE
MISS MARGARET E. HODGE
CHAIRMAN

September 12, 1923.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Your letter of September 5th reached me at Bar Harbor where I was so busy having a good time that I did no missionary work beyond one or two talks with Mrs. Webb who was there also.

I gathered from your former letter that you had decided to appoint Miss Purves to represent your Board on the Blairstown Conference Committee. This is entirely satisfactory to us and I have already taken steps to secure someone else to be appointed at our next meeting.

I am grateful to you for having drafted the letter to General Council. Mrs. Webb and I went over it together and I am suggesting a few minor changes.

In paragraph II, line 2, say "so long as women's missionary societies exist and are directed by General Assembly, etc." We think that is stronger than "encouraged" and that we are entirely warranted in this statement.

Line 3. We suggest re-wording so as to read "they provide about one-fourth of the total church benevolences while at the same time the individual women bear through the church offerings, etc."

Paragraph III does not seem to us full enough to explain to the men just what we mean. I suggest something like the following,-

> "The general Boards work through established organizations. The women work through synodical, presbyterial and local societies which are organized by them and kept in existence by the cultivation from Board and District headquarters and therefore more promotional work is necessary. We are sure that General Council believes with us that the work of the women must be preserved in its present form of organization if it is to have spiritual power and secure actual money gifts. Many of the pastors and women feel that the women's responsibility for their own work is lessened already and that the women's societies can be abolished. Therefore, since the women of the Boards are responsible for the existence and the morale of these organizations and their gifts amounting to over $1,500,000., cultivation along the lines to which the women are accustomed must be strengthened rather than weakened."

as a substitute for it and the first sentence of paragraph IV.

Make the sentence on the top of page 2 beginning "We say with due humility" the beginning of the new paragraph V. connecting it with the

sentence "Feeling thus".

I have no other suggestions to make about the letter and hope you will be as frank in criticising my wording as I have been in regard to yours.

Mr. Schell suggests that the two Boards of National and Foreign Missions request General Council to coopt women and I told him I think this would greatly strengthen our appeal. Can you have such a request put before the Board of National Missions? We expect to do this at our Board meeting on September 17th.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

September 15, 1923

Miss Donaldina Cameron,
Presbyterian Chinese Mission Home,
920 Sacramento Street,
San Francisco, California

My dear Miss Cameron:-

I just wish I could tell you how often I have tried to write you during the summer days. Many things have militated my writing that line, a large part of the time I have been my own secretary and that has meant that not so much has been done as would be if I had someone always at hand. Secondly, it has been a busy and crowded summer and lastly I have been so distracted as to what to say to you that I have simply put off from day to day saying anything at all hoping that there would be something that would be clear and final. I know, of course, that Miss Voss and Miss Dingman are in touch with you and that through them you know something and probably all that I can tell of our complications here, but I am moved to send you a few words myself for I do feel that you must think that we are hopelessly dilatory and careless. In the first place we were planning to readjust the Oriental work along the lines of the program developed at the San Francisco Conference. The chairman of the committee as you know is Dr. Brooks. He was away from New York all of the early spring and we could get no meeting, and it seemed as thought nothing was being done. Just when we were desperate and were asking that a meeting be held that steps could be taken, Dr. Brooks most unexpectedly sailed for Stockholm to attend the World Baptist Convention. In the absence of the chairman we might of course have held a meeting, but as we had not the Baptist reaction on all these matters we could do nothing.

You know, of course, that the suggestion finally had been that the Baptists and the Methodists and we unite on the Oaklands program for boys and girls. This solutions having been proposed because there seemed a complication in dividing boys and girls on denominational lines. As we could not secure a decision from the Baptists, we took the matter up with the Methodists as to whether we and they could begin work on a fifty fifty basis and to this they agreed. We then sent Miss Morgan's plans to the Executive Committee of the Methodist National Group which met in Ohio September 4th to 6th asking that they approve them in personnel and refer the plans to a small committee with authority, which committee, with a small committee from our Board could immediately proceed to erection. We are now waiting to hear from the Methodist women. I had hoped that we should have had an immeidate reply, but no word has come. If this is not in our hands by Monday morning we shall ask for it. I believe with all my heart that we are moving in the right direction in looking toward interdenominational cooperation along these lines, but the preliminary steps are discouraging in their slowness. We have in our own minds but one definite thought and that is that we must begin the erection of some Oaklands buildings this fall. We are prepared to move just as soon as we can get word from the Methodists. If the Baptists take action and join us later it will only mean that there will be an added group of administrators and an added fund. We have been increasingly troubled that your family has growing at such an appalling rate and that you are having not only so many more girls and babies than you can care for, but that your family is to be scattered in so many houses when there are so few people to care for them. We were glad to do what we could by authorizing the purchase of the house. We realize that it has re-

lieved overcrowding to some extent, but it certainly must have brought an added complication as to workers. What ~~was~~ you doing to care for all these people? I wish I were coming to the coast this fall. I should not only like to come, but I should like to stay two or three months and get the buildings well under way, but so far as I can see, my responsibilities at present lies with administrative matters right straight at headquarters. Until we know all the details of administration and have actucally put them into effect I do not feel that I have the right to go any distance. It has been nice to have the various letters which tell us that the children were having happy summers in the camp. I am sure that was a great relief except for the fact that it has to take your right hand women away as well as the children. I am interested to know that there seems to be such a sudden increase in the number of girls that you are rescuing, and a particular epidemic apparantly of babies, I wonder, how do you account for it? I could chat on to you for hours if there were no duties that pressed heavily. Give my dear love please to Ethel Higgins, Tien Wu and Laura Hughes and Ida Loe, and all those dear people whom I love. I am fully conscious of the fact that I owe them all letters, but if they just did know how things have been with me I am sure they would appreciate that my failure is a failure of physical possibilities and not a failure of the heart.

With dearest love to you one and all, I am

Devotedly yours,

President

b/k

CONFERENCE, HOTEL CLEVELAND, CLEVELAND, OHIO,
Sunday, September 30, 1923.

Present: Mrs. Woodruff
Miss Cram
Miss Voss

Discussion of possible joint work between Woman's Home Missionary Society of Methodist Episcopal Church and Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

PROPERTY

"920" balances Methodist home in San Francisco. Tooker and new building in Oakland just purchased need not enter into the agreement. Deed to "Doll #" property can remain in possession of the Woman's Board and a contract entered into with the Methodist women giving to them a fifty-fifty equity or an equity which shall change as the Methodist Board puts into the united project amounts agreed upon.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The present Advisory Committee of the Woman's Board was described as a committee of prominent citizens of San Francisco and Oakland interested in the work who serve upon call of the chairman. They advise and back up the work but have no power whatever to act. It was agreed that Mrs. Woodruff and Miss Cram would recommend to their Board a joint advisory committee with the character of the present Advisory Committee of the Woman's Board.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

This committee should have its headquarters in New York City. It was suggested that it should be small having on it three members from each Board. From this membership there should be elected a Treasurer and a Chairman. Mrs. Woodruff and Miss Cram cited instances in their own Board of such committee stating that the Treasurer received and disbursed money sent by each Board each month. The Chairman would be the administrator of the work in San Francisco under the direction of the committee.

DENOMINATIONAL LINES

The question came from the Methodists as to how church membership would be regulated. It was decided that such questions as these could be left with the Committee of Management. The Methodists expressed the hope that children of Methodist parents so brought in from definitely Methodist agencies could be sent to Methodist Sunday-school and church, and the same plan hold for Presbyterian children, all new unclassified admissions to be divided between the two denominations on a 50-50 basis.

Since the Methodist Board placed the $20,000 first payment in their present budget and since this budget will not be realized until August 1924 it may not be possible for that Board to put their amount at the disposal of the joint project until August 1924. If, however, the amount is needed at once it was thought that the Methodist Board might be able to borrow in order not to embarrass the work.

Iowa:

The following night letter was received October 15 from Sioux City,

"Board of Trustees of Womens Home Missionary Society approve all points in cooperative program as outlined with Miss Oram and Mrs Woodruff at Cleveland further details by letter Mrs. J. Luther Taylor,Recording Secretary."

November 30th, 1923.

Dear Miss Voss:

I enclose you copy of letter from Dr. Brooks in the matter of the Chinese work in San Francisco. He evidently favors a meeting of the Secretaries here in the East concerned.

Dr. Donaldson appears to recognize the technical status of this matter with reference to the votes of the National Board, but seems to think that the local constituencies do not as yet, with the exception of the Presbyterian and Congregationalists, have any clear conception as to what the action of the National Boards contemplates. He writes ''I am quite thoroughly convinced that when four of the larger denominations, including their local constituency, agree to go into the plan, we can put it up to the two Christian Associations with a very large probability, almost a certainty, of their joining in, but I rather fear that we scarcely have the right to ask them to commit themselves with existing uncertainty.''

Dr. Donaldson further comments ''The eastern meeting of the council might be advisable, but any settlement in the east that does not include the local constituency will not be much of a settlement, and I rather fear that no local settlement is possible without the counsel and coercion of the National group for some of our denominational elements. I presume that a large part of Dr. Brook's embarrassment comes from the fact that his own local group is perhaps the farthest out of line at present.''

My own concern is that unless we go forward on this whole business more promptly, it will fall to pieces. I know that Dr. Marquis is expecting action and wi will be greatly disappointed and chagrined if it is not brought about.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Edna Voss,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

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Mrs Bennett

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THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY
23 East 26th St., N.Y.C.

November 7, 1923.

Mr W. P. Shriver,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New YOrk.

My Dear Mr Shriver:

Absence from the office has necessitated delay in answering your letter of October 15th.

You call attention in your letter precisely to the point that I intended to make at our Conference in your office the other day, when you note that the two Christian organizations are made parties to the fulfillment of the conditions of cooperation.

Just a word as to why the cooperation of the Y.M.C.A. for instance is essential. They have about $150,000. in hand to erect a building opposite our Baptist property in which they would be doing a large amount of the work which is involved in our cooperative program. If all the denominations unite and the Y.M.C.A. was not in the plan, it would be a repetition of the unpardonable competition of Church agencies and their mission in the community. We would either have to function on the principle of the division of labour and relegate to the Y.M.C.A. some of the f functions which we are not willing to relinquish or else enter into open competition with them. As a matter of fact, I think it was the Y.M.C.A. project which first awoke our Board to the seriousness of the situation.

The Y.W.C.A. is not in the same position but will be some day and while we were coordinating we thought we should make a finished job of it.

I was not satisfied with the conclusions of our hasty conference the other day and thought that we ought to have another meeting of New York Board representatives before sending out a general call for the general meeting in San Francisco.

I am overloaded this Fall with the details of my work that I will be unable to give any attention to this until sometime in December. In the meantime I will be glad to have your reaction to this letter.

Kindest regards and best wishes, Faithfully yours

Charles A. Brooks
City and Foreign-Speaking Missions

JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ORIENTAL WORK
Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

December 3, 1923.

Present:
Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff
Mrs. W. B. Eyler - proxy for Mrs. Jennings
Mrs. F. S. Bennett
Mrs. H. C. Louderbough
Miss Edna R. Voss

There was a called meeting of the Joint Committee for Oriental Work in the Committee Room of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, Friday, December 3, 1923, at 1.30 P. M.

Action was taken for a temporary organization of the Committee with Miss Oram Chairman, Mrs. Woodruff to act as her alternate in her absence, and Miss Voss Secretary.

It was voted that Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Louderbough represent the Committee at a conference with Miss Oram in Cleveland, Thursday, December 6, 1923, for consideration of the form of legal agreement between the two Boards and building plans for the proposed home for Chinese children in Oakland tentatively approved.

It was voted that Miss Helen H. Dingman, Assistant Superintendent of Field Work of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church represent the Committee in San Francisco in the preliminary work in connection with the erection of the Oakland Home.

It was further moved that this Committee authorize Miss Dingman, within a limit of $90,000 and with the approval of the Joint Advisory Committee in California, to pass on final plans for this building.

Edna P. Voss
Secretary.

Dec. 4, '23.

	150	number to be cared for given in Miss Morgan's telegram Dec. '23.
less	24	rescued prostitutes
"	6	babies with mothers
	120	
"	16	unattached babies
	104	
"	14	high school girls
	90	
"	17	business girls
	73	

Proposed home cares for about 65.

JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ORIENTAL WORK

Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

February 15, 1924

Present:

Miss Jean Oram, Chairman
Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff
Mrs. Thirkield (proxy for Mrs. Jennings)
Mrs. Park
Mrs. F. M. Bennett
Miss Lucy Dawson (proxy for Mrs. Louderbough)
Miss Helen H. Dingman (proxy for Miss Voss)
Miss Mary E. Torrence

There was a called meeting of the Joint Committee for Oriental Work in the Secretary's office of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, Friday, January 18, 1924, at 1.00 P. M.

It was voted that the temporary organization of the Committee with Miss Oram as Chairman and Miss Voss as Secretary continue for this meeting. As Miss Voss was away Miss Dingman was Secretary as her proxy.

Miss Dingman then gave an informal report of her trip to San Francisco.

In view of a report from San Francisco relative to some uncertainty of the success of cooperation, it was voted that further definite action be postponed until after Miss Oram's visit to California.

The Committee authorized Miss Oram officially to represent them in a further study of the local conditions and should it be decided to proceed to authorize Miss Morgan:

To choose one reliable contractor and let him get bids for sub-contracts.

To draw up the form of contract without bond provided the legal members of the joint advisory committee approve.

It was further moved that it would be wise to have the two local lawyers draw up a form of legal agreement for the two Boards to be later submitted to the Methodist and Presbyterian consulting attorney.

Helen H. Dingman
Secretary. for Miss Voss